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Further Evidence Heard
To-day.

CHINESE SEAMAN'S STORY.

What He Saw From The
Steerage.

Further evidence in the case against the eighteen men charged with being implicated in the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" on November 15, was given by a number of Chinese witnesses for the Crown at the Central Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon and this morning.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes) is prosecuting, whilst Mr. M. K. Lo and Mr. Leo d'Almeida are defending.

The first witness called this morning was a Chinese seaman who boarded the "Sunning" at Shanghai, following his discharge with eighteen other seamen—all passengers on the "Sunning"—from the s.s. "Ching On" upon the latter vessel changing ownership in the Northern port.

Witness, who said that he was travelling as a steerage passenger, recalled having seen a number of armed men on the vessel shortly after 4 p.m. on November 15. Witness identified the 8th defendant as one of the men who carried a firearm. He remained in the steerage all the time and saw armed men continually walking about.

Mr. Holmes: Did you see what any of those men were doing?—They came down and looked at us.

Mr. Holmes: Did you see the ship on fire?—Yes. I heard some of the pirates shouting "Set fire, set fire."

Witness said that he could not identify any of the other defendants.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that he could swear that his eighteen fellow seamen were all in the steerage from 4 o'clock until 10 o'clock.

Mr. Lo: That particularly applied to No. 7?—Yes, he was sitting next to me.

Mr. Lo: Some of the officers have given evidence to the effect that they saw No. 7 taking part in the piracy between 4 o'clock and 10 o'clock. Are they mistaken?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Did you see No. 6?—No.

Mr. Lo: If he were to say that he was near the entrance and that when the pirates came in they took away his gold chain, would you say that it could not be true, or that you merely could not see him?—I did not see him.

Re-examined by Mr. Holmes, witness said that in the steerage there was a hatch and that the hatch-cover was on at the time. Had Nos. 7 or 16 been searched, witness would almost certainly have seen it.

Case proceeding.
Yesterday's Hearing.

At the commencement of the resumed hearing yesterday afternoon, Mr. M. K. Lo informed his Worship that he had now received instructions to defend the 8th accused—the Formosan. Mr. Lo suggested that it might be convenient if the Crown Solicitor made some statement with regard to the question of withdrawing the charge in certain cases.

The Crown Solicitor (Mr. H. K. Holmes) said that he was afraid that he would have to disappoint his friend. The week-end had given him an opportunity for reviewing the case against each of the accused and he did not feel justified in withdrawing the charge except in one case—that of the 17th defendant. The only evidence that the Police could submit against the man was that of the Captain who had said that the man resembled the man seen smoking opium in a first class cabin. He, the Crown Solicitor, did not think that any jury would convict on the evidence.

The Magistrate agreed and discharged the 17th defendant.

The ship's No. 1 comrade was the first witness called. In reply to the Crown Solicitor, witness said that he was in his cabin at 3.45 p.m. on the day of the piracy. When he realised that the ship was in the hands of pirates, he ran to the fore-castle, blackened his face and changed his clothes. Witness remained in hiding until the pirates had left the ship.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo,

CANTON LABOUR.

Arbitration Tribunals
Preferred.

WUCHOW'S BIG STRIKE.

Kuomintang Organisations at
Loggerheads.

Important developments by different sections of Kwangtung labour are reported.

Leaders in Canton at the moment seem to have been in favour of arbitration tribunals, with Government approval, the experiment having worked successfully in the strike of bank employees.

From Wuchow, however, it is reported that a general strike is threatened there, and that rival parties are at loggerheads.

The suggestion to use arbitration for settling all labour disputes comes as a sequel to the strike of printers at Swatow and emanates from responsible circles in Canton.

What the Strikers are Doing.

From Canton it is also reported that an order has been given by the Strike Pickets to a subsidiary organisation, the so-called "military tribunal" which, as distinct from the Court at Strike Headquarters, officiated in the trial of allegedly important cases. This tribunal has been told by the Pickets that there is now no work for it to do and that its affairs had better be wound up to curtail expenses.

On the other hand, another committee of investigation has been appointed by the Executive Committee of the Strike movement, this to deal with payment to departing strikers of "settlement" bonus.

STARTLING EVENTS.

Rival Factions Cause Trouble at
Wuchow.

The general strike in Wuchow (on the West River) is stated to have begun on Saturday morning following a series of startling events last Friday.

This time the rival factions both belong to the Kuomintang, the Wuchow hsien (district) Party being opposed to the Wuchow municipal (city) Party.

Apparently the district Party was to have carried out a grand parade on Friday, with the students, the peasants, the military and the police as their allies.

The dispute is believed to have arisen over one clique securing certain funds to build headquarters, it is said, arousing the jealousy of others.

The district Party ordered the city Party to deport three heads of Labour unions from the port, the city Kuomintang having obtained the help of the Unions against the other alliance.

Hong Kong Boats Stopped.

Some of the agitators in Wuchow took fright and began to flee.

Mystery surrounds the next development as the agitators have not been traced. At any rate, through the medium of the West River Seamen's Union, boats for Hong Kong were forbidden to depart, ostensibly until those who had been responsible for the order had had an opportunity to search out their quarry.

Similarly, river tow-boats were searched for fugitives.

Ultimately a temporary understanding was arrived at the s.s. "Kwong Poon," which arrived in Hong Kong yesterday, is believed to be the last boat to clear from Wuchow prior to the general strike, beginning.

witness said that he could not recognise any of the defendants. Witness knew nothing about the arrest of a man at 3.30 p.m.

His Worship: Was your room burnt out?—Yes.

His Worship: What was in your safe?—\$3,200 in notes and silver.

The 2nd and 3rd comrades were also called, the former identifying a cardigan jacket which, he said, had been taken from his room. The 3rd comrade identified the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th prisoners as having participated in the search of his safe from which over \$3,000 in cash had been stolen.

"SUGGESTIONS."

Britain and China's
Problems.

A NOTE TO THE POWERS.

Sympathy for Nationalist
Aspirations.

Rugby, Dec. 20.
The contents of the Memorandum handed by the British Charge D'Affaires at Peking to the representatives of the Powers have not been disclosed, but it is known that the new statement constitutes another effort by the British Government to pursue a constructive policy in harmony with the spirit of the Washington Conference, but developed and adapted to meet the altered circumstances in China.

It is pointed out that the sympathetic attitude of Great Britain to Chinese aspirations for the revision of existing treaties had been

TROOPS ON MOVE.

Russian in Shantung
Force.

DEFENCE OF SHANGHAI.

Nanking, Dec. 18.

Shantung troops have now crossed the river and massed here in considerable numbers.

Northern pickets are parading the streets.

The troops include 120 Russians who are billeted in a hotel outside the city wall.

It is reported that 300 Shantung troops are going to Wuhu.

The general impression is that Chang Chung-chang's troops are replacing Sun Chuan-fang's.

It is thought that the latter will proceed to the defence of Shanghai and Hangchow.

The local Chinese appear to view Chang's arrival with considerable apprehension.—Reuter.

some obscured owing to the absence of a central government in China the existence of which was a necessary condition for carrying out the Washington programme.

In the spirit of the Washington Agreements the British Government has now laid before the other Powers certain suggestions regarding the attitude which in Britain's opinion should be adopted to questions of surtaxes, extra-territoriality and revision of the treaties.

While continuing rigidly to abstain from interference in the civil strife, the British Government feels that the growth of national Chinese sentiment necessitates a careful review by the Powers of the whole position.

Regarding the Washington surtaxes, the British view is that the disposal of these additional revenues should be left for the competent local Chinese authorities to decide.—British Wireless Service.

French Comment.

Paris, Dec. 20.

The "Oeuvre" considers the British Government wise in instructing Mr. Lamson to confer with the Cantonese, if only to remind the violent Nationalists of the South that Japan secured independence at the end of last century, not so much by force as perseverance.

A message from Geneva reports that the Chinese Government has notified its preparedness to pay China's arrears to the League expenses, expediting one million dollars, with funds secured by an increase of one half per cent. in the customs duties on foreign goods.—Reuter.

A Simple Issue.

London, Dec. 20.

Referring to the meeting of the Diplomatic Corps in Peking on

(Continued on Page 9.)

Dr. C. C. Wu, son of the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang, will be guest of honour at a tiffin given by the Union Club of China in Shanghai.

A director of the Lai Wah Company Ltd., Des Voeux Road Central, has reported to the Police that one of the firm's clerks has absconded with \$621 which he had collected from customers.

\$7,885 PRIZE.

Mr. R. J. Goodman's
Luck.

DOCK CO. IN FANLING SWEEP.

Chief Manager's Pony Wins For
Superintendent.

Mr. R. J. Goodman, Superintendent of the store department, Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., is the lucky winner of about \$780.

Mr. Goodman purchased about ten of the \$1 tickets in the Fanling Hunt "A" cash sweep (on the third race) at last Saturday's Christmas Steeple-chase meeting. One of these, No. 5,037, drew the winner and Mr. Goodman's fortune is \$7,885.50 to be exact.

Before proceeding to the second prize, it should be mentioned that Mr. R. M. Dyer, the chief manager of the Dock Co., owned the winning pony, Rothesay (ridden by Mr. L. Reidy). Had Mr. Goodman been at Fanling last Saturday afternoon and had he watched the draw, he would have had the double satisfaction of seeing that he had drawn his chief's candidate and then standing on the rails for over 5½ minutes—it was a two miles race—watching Rothesay keep behind the favourite until 50 yards from the winning post.

½ Length Means \$5,500.

That Rothesay was not expected to win in a field of four was evident from the fact that he was quoted at 4 to 1 against, but constant support from supporters, including possibly a Dock contingent, caused the price to shorten to 3 to 1.

Reynolds, the odds on favourite, was beaten by half a length.

The matter of those few 100 somebody more than \$5,500. And that person's name cannot at present be ascertained.

Ticket No. 10,578 drew Reynolds (ridden by his owner, Mr. W. T. Stanton). The prize the holder wins (second place) is \$2,253.

This ticket was one of a book sold in the Hong Kong Hotel bar. Application has not yet been made by the purchaser for payment and he may be waiting to get over his disappointment at a "dead cert" losing before taking his prize.

The Indirect "Touch."

The third prize of \$1,125.60 went to ticket No. 14,037 (which drew Wideawake). This was in a book taken to Bangkok by a local coasting steamer and the identity of the holder is also not revealed.

A Mr. Chu sold ticket No. 7,018 (drawing the only unplaced starter, Conquistador) to Canton, and the buyer will get \$751.

It is curious to note that there was a second party in each of these four tickets, none of which was bought direct from the Hunt. Mr. Goodman got his batch of tickets through a Chinese clerk not employed in the Dock but in a city office.

WEATHER FORECAST

Till noon to-morrow, the official weather forecast for all local districts is:—N. to N.E. winds, fresh to cloudy.

At 11.10 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—Pressure has decreased considerably over S.W. Japan and slightly over the Loo-choo and Guam. It is nearly stationary over the Philippines and Indo-China and has increased slightly elsewhere.

Meteorological observations at 8 a.m. to-day: barometer 30.17; temperature 54; humidity 71; weather blue skies.

LOTTERY TICKETS.

"Dealing can only mean selling, if I go into a store and buy a pot of jam, I am not dealing in jam," said Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese was charged with buying Po Piu lottery tickets. After some argument as to the interpretation of the Ordinance, his Worship fined the defendant \$10.

EXECUTION TO-MORROW.

The Chinese sentenced to death in connection with the Western Market murder will be executed at 5 a.m. to-morrow.

BEDROOM DRAMA.

Ingersoll Families'
Sensation.

WOMAN KILLED.

Wounded Man's Telephone
Call.

New York, Dec. 20.
The fashionable Park Avenue district received a sensation by a tragedy involving the unrelated families of R. G. Ingersoll, the famous agnostic, and R. H. Ingersoll, the watch manufacturer.

The latter's estranged wife was found shot dead in bed in her flat clad in her dressing gown and adorned with jewels worth \$7,000. She was clutching a revolver.

Wallace Probasco, the sexagenarian son-in-law of R. G. Ingersoll, seriously shot, twice in the chest and once in the arm, was lying near the telephone with which he managed to phone his wife.

Probasco is now in hospital, technically charged with homicide, but he and his wife claim that Mrs. Ingersoll shot Probasco and then killed herself owing to jealousy because Probasco wanted to break off their long friendship.—Reuter's American Service.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

TWO-MURDER TRIALS
CONTINUED.

"SAIKUNG" ROBBERY.

The trial of the five men charged with complicity in the murder of an Indian guard aboard the "A. Sankung" and the robbing of the passengers was continued at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The coxswain, whose evidence was to the effect that the deceased guard, when he joined in the defence of the bridge with the other guards, broke the butt of his rifle on the third prisoner, was cross-examined at length by Mr. H. S. Lo, counsel for the defence.

Witness adhered to his evidence that one of the robbers then fired at the guard as he was in a crouching position. The two other guards ran down the steps leading from the bridge and one of the robbers (witness identified him as the third prisoner) pointed a revolver at witness's head and made him obey his directions as to the course to be followed. When the Police launch was sighted, acting in accordance with instructions, he took the launch close in and the pirates boarded a fishing boat. The occupants of the boat in question objected to the "invasion," according to witness, but the robbers "overcame their objections."

The comrade of the launch also gave evidence as to certain passengers rushing to his office with the story of the robbery. Shortly after, one of the robbers came to the office and, threatened with a revolver, witness had no option but to hand over the keys of the safe.

Witness was cross-examined as to certain discrepancies in the numbers of passengers as given at the Magistrate's hearing and at the present hearing.

Shaukiwan Murder.

In the small court, before Mr. Justice Wood, the trial of an employee of a boat building concern at Shaukiwan was resumed. Prisoner is charged with the murder of a fellow employee on the night of October 19-20.

Evidence was given by a folk who slept in the same room as deceased. Witness stated that he was awakened by the prisoner on the night in question and sent out to buy medicine. Prisoner complained of stomach pains. When witness returned he was under the impression that prisoner and prisoner's brother (who also slept in the same room) were fighting. Witness saw an axe in one of their hands. As soon as he learned that an attack had been made on the deceased he went and fetched the master of the yard and the police were informed. The case is proceeding.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

AGENTS WANTED.

COMMERCIAL INQUIRIES FOR
HONG KONG.

CHAMBER'S LIST.

Commercial inquiries, published by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 17, comprise the following:

Messrs. Scott, Whitworth & Rayner, Ltd., 80, Cumberland Street, Manchester, manufacturers of blue, white and fancy ticks, awning cloths, drill, denim, dungarees, flannelettes, etc., etc., desire to be put in touch with an agent for an agency on a commission basis for a manufacturer.

Mr. E. Sallage of the Society Huwajse Indochinoise at Saigon, wishes to get into touch with insurance companies and shipping agents willing to act as correspondents or agents (particulars with Chamber).

Mr. Otto J. A. Kephon, Schauenburgerstr. 25, 27, Hamburg, 1, exporter and importer, is anxious to make business connections with an import firm in Hong Kong for the import of German and/or European goods (full particulars with Chamber).

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Messrs. H. P. Rising & Co., 431 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, desire to be put in touch with a firm importing orange, lemon and wheat flour.

LOCAL EXPORTS.

CHAMBER'S FORTNIGHTLY
REPORT.

YUNNAN TIN QUIET.

In the fortnightly report of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the following remarks are taken from the section on exports:

Hong Kong, Dec. 17. "Canton tin": market easy, buying quotations from \$35 to \$35 per picul.

Canton cassia: market strong. Saigon cassia: market firm. Feathers (duck and goose): some demand.

Mating: fair demand. Wolfram ore: good demand. Yunnan tin: quiet. Nam Hong tobacco: market firm.

H.K. BANK NOTE PREMIUM.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kowloon, Dec. 17. During the last few days, the premium on Hong Kong bank notes (in exchange for Canton subsidiary silver coin or the equivalent in Nationalist paper currency) has dropped here from 28 per cent. to 16 per cent. Subsequently it recovered to 18 per cent.

Reminder: 10th annual meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd. at 2 p.m. to-morrow in the company's office at York Building.

LOCAL IMPORTS.

CHAMBER'S FORTNIGHTLY
REPORT.

PIECE GOODS NOTES.

In the fortnightly report of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce the following remarks are taken from the section on imports:

Hong Kong, Dec. 17. Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Goods: Market is not as active as when we last reported although small sales of spring fancies and broadcloths for March/April shipment have been brought to book. Doli-eries are very poor due, in the majority of cases to the summer-like weather prevailing. There is another decline to record in the price of cotton, especially Egyptians which have had a sharp drop. Quotations in Liverpool on Dec. 15, Eg. Sakel 13.40; Mid. Amer. "spot" 6.60.

Cotton Yarn: A small amount of business has been done for the Yunnan market at prices which show little change on those last reported. Quotations are purely nominal:—No. 10s. \$140/160; No. 12s. \$145/165; No. 16s. \$160/170; No. 20s. \$175/180.

Arrivals 500 bales. Shipments nil. Sales nil. Unsold stock 13,800 bales. Bargains 12,500 bales.

Woolens: Market dead.

Raw Cottons: Nothing doing.

Metals: Market dull, very little doing.

Flour: Stocks: About 500,000 sacks. Market: Has a declining tendency.

Quotations (all per sack):—

American patent \$3.40-4.55; American straight \$3.45-3.70 (best quality); American cut off \$3.50-3.75; Shanghai \$3.40; Australian No. 1 3.75-3.85; Canadian cut off \$3.28.

3.45; Canadian straight \$3.30-3.55; Canadian mixture \$3.10-3.45; Canadian 2nd clear \$3.33.

Sundries: (Window Glass):—Some business done, spot and forward. Local stocks very low.

Sugar: Market firm and advancing. Saltpetre: Stocks (of No. 1) 14,000 bags. Market rates fairly steady since last report.

PETROL PRICES.

London, Dec. 20.

The chief brands of motor spirit from the pump have been reduced a half penny a gallon everywhere, likewise from the can in the London metropolitan area, but can prices in outer London have increased a half penny a gallon.—Reuter.

BIG PROPERTY DEAL.

Four European houses in the course of construction, situated at New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 317, were sold at the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon for \$60,500 to the Sincere Insurance and Investment Company.

In a telegram to the cabinet, the ministry of finance and inspector general of the Customs administration, the Shanghai Bankers' Union and the Monetary Business Union, request these authorities to perfect plans so that capital may be refunded and interest met on 8 per cent. government loan bonds, and that these plans be made public in order to calm the people and relieve the unfavourable monetary situation.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" from Hong Kong arrived London on December 13, at 8 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Kobe on Dec. 18, at 8 a.m., left Kobe on Dec. 19, at 7 a.m., and is due at Shanghai to-day.

The m.v. "Canton" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on December 13, 1926, and is due here on or about January 21, 1927.

Captain Roald Amundsen is confident that an antarctic polar flight can be achieved in an aeroplane, says a message from Oslo. He considers, however, that the use of an airship would improve the prospects of success.

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MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

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BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

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Ports.

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Kongmoon Dispute
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BROKERS & CARGO COOLIES.

Question of Responsibility for
Damage.

Re-kindled several times by
agitation, the "strike" of coolies
at Pakkai (the port of Kong-
moon) has been settled for the
fourth or fifth time and mer-
chandise can now move freely be-
tween that flourishing entrepot
and Hong Kong.

The last dispute was caused by
the Tung Tack Cargo Coolies' Guild
demanding from the Customs
brokers (who also act as
handling agents for traders) a
fixed sum for working merchan-
dise without any liability for less
through dropping packages into
the harbour, etc.

Without this responsibility, the
brokers had nobody to fall back
upon for any neglect on the part
of the coolies.

A settlement has now been ar-
rived at but there is no mention
of any clauses as to loss or damage.
As in the past, the brokers will
pay the Guild \$2.60 per cargo
boat, in addition to the usual
wages.

PIRATED LAUNCH.

CUSTOMS CRAFT BACK
AT WORK.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Dec. 17.
The steam launch "Kongmoon
Tsai" of the Chinese Maritime
Customs has returned after being
repaired and overhauled at
Macao.

It will be recalled that this
launch was damaged by pirates
who caused the disappearance of
a foreign Customs officer (be-
lieved to have been killed) and
who kidnapped the native crew
after the launch had run
aground.

The "Kongmoon Tsai" now has
a new appearance and is without
her gun in the bow.

MOTOR SHIP CREMER

FOR SINGAPORE-CHINA
RUN.

On Saturday morning, December
4, the new K. P. M. motorship
"Cremer," approximately 4,500 tons,
arrived at Tandjong Priok. She
will be placed on the Singapore-
China run and will be under the
command of Capt. van der Meiden.
Upon her arrival, a considerable
number of interested spectators
were shown around the ship by Mr.
van der Meiden.

The "Cremer" has been specially
constructed for carrying deck pas-
sengers, to and from China and she
is able to accommodate approxi-
mately 2,000 deck passengers.
There is also accommodation for
16 first and 30 second class pas-
sengers.

The "Cremer" has six decks and
she is driven by two six-cylinder
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teed to render 2,500 horsepower.

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from Holland to Batavia, she easily
averaged 14 knots, while two six-
cylinder motors of 500 horsepower
each gave splendid service in ren-
dering the necessary electrical
power required.

It is worthy of note that radio
installation on board the "Cremer"
functioned splendidly and was care-
fully tried out on her maiden trip
to Batavia.

The "Cremer" was built by
the "Amsterdamsche Scheepbouw
Maatschappij, and the motors were
delivered by the Werkspoor Diesel
Motor Factory, also located in
Amsterdam. She is the seventh
motorship of the K. P. M.

Another new steamer of the
K. P. M. line, viz. the "Van Heutz"
is expected to arrive at Tandjong
Priok. The "Van Heutz" is also
destined for Singapore-China run
and is a sister ship of the "Cremer."

"LIENSHING WRECK"

Notice has been given by the
Marine Department of the Chinese
Maritime Customs that the wreck of
the s.s. "Lienshing" lies in a
position from which Amherst Rocks
bear S. 51 degrees E., magnetic, dis-
tant approximately 2 miles.
The wreck is apparently moving
gradually in a westerly direction.
Chart affected: Marine Depart-
ment Chart No. 1.

LUXURY LIMITS.

THE FUTURE OF BIG
LINERS.

"SIR BERTRAM HAYES"
VIEWS.

The whole question of sea
travel, so far as the travelling
public is concerned, resolves it-
self into getting to one's destina-
tion as expeditiously as possible,
with the greatest degree of com-
fort and luxury. In my opinion
there is no class of ship about to
compare with the big liners in
satisfying these conditions, writes
Sir Bertram Hayes.

Shipbuilders have solved the
problem of the strength of hull
necessary to withstand the strains
they are subjected to in passing
through heavy seas, and engineers
have evolved types of engines
which cause little or no vibration
when they are being driven at
high speed, even in bad weather.
Thus they are just as safe and a
good deal more comfortable than
ships of a more moderate size.

They are, of course, the most
expensive class of ship, to build on
account of their great strength,
and the luxurious manner in
which they are fitted out. The
cost, too, of operating them, on
account of the large crews they
carry to minister to the wants of
passengers, is enormous. One
wonders sometimes how ship-
owners have the courage to "place
so many eggs in one basket," and
whether the limit in size has not
been reached.

Personally, I think it has. A
few more tons may be added, so
that some firm may advertise that
they own "the largest ship in the
world," or to satisfy some
nation's vanity, but not enough to
make any material difference in
their present size.

The limits of luxury, too, I
should say, have been touched.
There are private suites of rooms
that cannot be excelled for com-
fort, even in the most expensive
hotels on shore. In the restau-
rants one can entertain one's
friends as lavishly as one wishes.
Then there are Turkish, electric
and swimming baths, gym-
nasiums, squash racquet courts,
and specially laid dancing floors.

The size of ships is governed
largely by the depth of water at
the ports between which they ply.
Here again the limit, if not quite
has almost been reached, unless
the port authorities are prepared
to spend vast sums to deepen the
channels leading to their ports,
which they show no signs of do-
ing at present.

I do not think that too much at-
tention need be paid to rumours
that shipowners will not be able
to afford to construct big liners
in the near future. Only a few
months ago Mr. Franklin, presi-
dent of the International Mer-
cantile Marine Company, stated
that the White Star Line had had
plans prepared for one, and were
about to begin building it.

By far the greater number of
the passengers on big liners are
on holiday, and the voyage is prob-
ably the most enjoyable part of
all. While they are crossing they
have nothing to do but enjoy
themselves. Everything is done
to make the time pass pleasantly
—so pleasantly in fact that, when
the passage is drawing to its
close, one hears on all sides wishes
expressed that it could last a few
days longer.

For this reason I do not think
that the air liners when they
make their appearance will prove
a serious rival to the big ocean
liners—"Daily Chronicle."

Recently we mentioned in these
columns that one of the last stern-
wheelers to trade in these waters
was for sale; this being the steamer
"The Kiang" which some time ago
was on fire in the Seven Mile Reach,
says the "N. C. Daily News." The
Hui Ming Co., marine surveyors,
advertised the vessel for sale by
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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S
MEASURES.

FRIENDLY CANTON COMMENT.

The Hong Kong newspapers
have recently reported the cap-
ture by the Police of that port
of a Chinese junk carrying arms
and ammunition concealed under
its other cargo, writes "Politico"
in the "Canton Gazette." The
junk was seized, the arms and
ammunition confiscated and the
junk men arrested, sentenced
and fined. The offence was un-
questionable, and the penalty
severe.

This is evidence that the Hong
Kong authorities are making an
earnest effort to help in the sup-
pression of banditry, and the ex-
termination of the bandits in
their territory.

There is help also being given
in other ways. The search of
Chinese passengers coming or
leaving Hong Kong is an ap-
preciated measure. Even those
who complain of the rudeness of
the inspectors or agents at the
wharves where Chinese passen-
gers embark or disembark do not
contest the enforcement of this
measure.

There is no doubt that this
search will be maintained as long
as it seems advisable. Passengers
will be disgruntled but reason-
able enough to submit.

There is a general hope that
better results will soon be re-
ported from the search "and other
measures." As a matter of fact,
there seems to be little doubt
that arms and ammunition are
passing through Hong Kong and
that pirates are booking passage
at the shipping offices.

Similar facts are recorded in
Chinese coastal ports. Every-
where the police seem to be
powerless to prevent the pre-
sence of pirates or organisations
of pirates within the limits of
territory under the supervision.
Pirates, after all, look quite like
other men when they are not en-
gaged in the act of robbing or
killing, and there are even stories
of banquets being offered by the
police to pirates masquerading as
rich merchants or landlords.

We already have explained that
piracy is not a Chinese specialty.
Whoever these pirates are and
wherever they are, they must be
discovered and exterminated. All
governments who are taking
measures to help in this exter-
mination deserve praise and sup-
port. The Nationalist Govern-
ment should be aided in its cam-
paign to clear the land zone
around Bias Bay, and the Hong
Kong Government should be aid-
ed in its efforts to arrest those
pirates who cross the boundary
into the New Territories, with
the expectation of finding refuge
and shelter under another flag.

STRAITS GOVERNOR'S YACHT.

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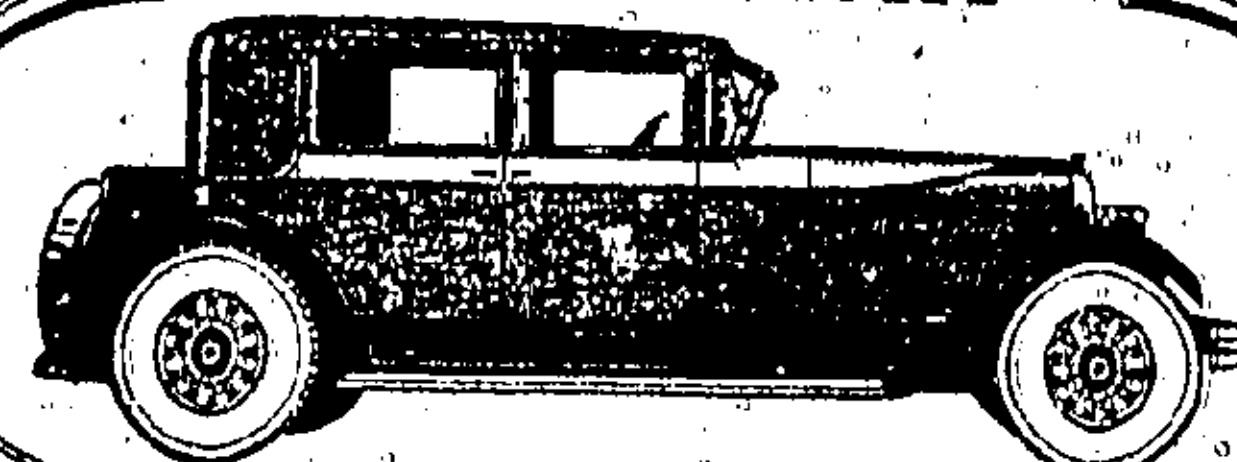
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DELTA	2,007	19th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
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DELTA	2,007	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TALMA	10,000	21st Jan.	Moji and Kobe
MAINTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLORE	4,853	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,066	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMALA	9,128	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,911	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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THE HISTORY OF THEIR
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The history of railway construction in India may be said to commence in 1844, when a proposal to build the East Indian Railway was first made. Actual construction was not commenced until 1850, and at about the same time works were started on the Great Indian Peninsula Railway. These two lines, starting from Calcutta and Bombay, respectively, eventually met at Jubbalpore in 1870, thus crossing the breadth of India for the first time. In 1887, the building of the Oudh and Rohilkund Railway was entrusted to a company, but, in 1889, being convinced that capital could be obtained more cheaply by the State than by companies, the Government embarked on State railway construction. By the end of 1879, 6,128 miles had been constructed by companies at a cost of approximately 97,872,000l., and 2,175 miles by the State at a cost of 22,695,226l.

Following "upon a disastrous famine in 1878, and the report of a Famine Commission in 1880, a more vigorous policy of construction was adopted and the company system was again reverted to. Further construction was carried out by State agency. By 1900 the total mileage had reached 25,072 route miles, of which 13,994 miles were of the original standard gauge of 5 ft. 6 in., 10,389 miles were of metre gauge, and 689 miles of smaller gauge.

The construction and development of railways has been much handicapped by the fact that the State, being owner of most of the railways and predominant partner in the remainder, merged the railway revenue and expenditure in the general accounts of India. New capital had either to be found by the State or raised on a Government guarantee, and the amount available fluctuated with the borrowing power of the State and with other demands of the country. Again and again, it was found necessary to suspend construction and defer improvements for seasons entirely unconnected with railway administration. In 1922, the Government secured the approval of the Legislative Assembly to a vote of 100 millions sterling, spread over five years, for capital expenditure. At the same time, a reorganisation of the Railway Board, the managing agency under the railway member of the Viceroy's Council, was put in hand, and a Chief Commissioner was appointed to preside over the Board. The new Board undertook many widespread reforms in organisation and working, and, in 1924, the Legislature accepted proposals made by them for the separation of railway finances from the general finances of the country.

The result of this change has been that general revenues are relieved of the risks of fluctuations in railway profits, and the Railway Board can carry out the work of development and improvement according to prearranged plans. They have consequently been enabled to develop a more progressive policy of new construction, and have laid out a programme which will result in the addition of about 1,000 miles of new railways per annum.

In 1924-25, the passenger miles amounted to nearly 20,000 millions (19,910,350,000), and the fares charged were, first class 1.95d. per mile, third class (of which 96 per cent. of the traffic consisted) 0.32d. per mile, the average for all classes being 0.35d. per mile. Goods traffic, during the same year, totalled over 22,000 millions of ton-miles (21,268,691,000), of which about 40 per cent. was coal and coke. The charge to the public averaged 0.55d. per ton-mile, while for coal it was 0.26d. per ton-mile. These figures represent what are probably the lowest fares and rates in the world.—Mr. F. Palmer in "Engineering."

BRITISH FILM BOOM.

The special representative of "The Sun" learns that the Empire Films movement has caused eager competition among a number of syndicates, including American and Anglo-American groups, who are attempting to purchase cinemas, and are offering fancy prices, especially for those with upwards of 2,000 seating capacity.

It is stated that for the purpose of safeguarding their film markets Americans now intend to produce pictures in British Columbia as well as at Hollywood.

The Canadian-Pacific steamer "Melita" (14,000 tons), which arrived at Antwerp on Nov. 14, was the ten-thousandth ship to enter the port during the current year. A reception was held at the Town Hall in honour of the event, Captain Lotley and the crew of the "Melita" being congratulated by the Burgomaster.

THE WAR AT SEA.

NAVAL WING FOR THE
MUSEUM.

The Imperial War Museum at South Kensington, alike comprehensively and historically, is growing in interest and importance. The Museum alone large picture of the war, on land and on sea, in the air and under the water.

On Armistice Day what may be described as the naval wing was opened to the public. Here we have a remarkable memorial to the work of the Navy in the war. It is a list of over five thousand names of vessels which flew the White Ensign in the war, together with the ship's badges and arms. The vessels named include trawlers, drifters, minesweepers, patrol gunboats, whalers, mine-layers, sloops, aircraft carriers, Fleet messengers, Fleet auxiliaries, Q ships, and other less known craft.

Above this record of the Fleet hang the White Ensigns and Jacks which were flown in battle. The larger proportion of these were carried on the ships which took part in the battle of Jutland. Some are tattered and torn, as though by the action of shell; all are stained with the smoke and dirt of battle. There they hang in the condition they were taken from the ships. No memorial could give a more inspiring message.

Adjoining this memorial is a room containing relics of the German Fleet which was scuttled at Scapa Flow. They include guns, submarine and other lifeboats and bolts which belonged to the Kronprinz Wilhelm, Nürnberg, Gneisenau, the König, Baden, and the Emden.

The 4in. gun of H.M.S. "Lance," which fired the first round in the war, is given a prominent place in the Exhibition. H.M.S. "Lance," on August 5, 1914, fired at and sank the Konigin Luise—a mine-layer—in the Channel. There are steering wheels and other parts of the block ships that played their part in the Zebrugge epic. There is, too, the grapple which was intended to be used for holding the "Vindictive" securely on the Mole. This implement, however, was defective, and two or three men lost their lives in endeavouring to secure it.

Another interesting exhibit is the 3.5in. gun—a part of the armament of H.M.S. "Chester." This gun was put out of action in the battle of Jutland through being hit by a shell on May 31, 1916.

The original Cenotaph of plaster, which was erected in Whitehall for the Victory March and then removed to make room for the permanent memorial of stone is also at South Kensington.

PASSENGER LIST.

ARRIVALS.

Passengers who arrived in Hong Kong on the "President Polk" from America (via Shanghai) were:—Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Church, Mr. and Mrs. W. Geus, Miss B. L. Haskell, Mr. W. Lyons, Mr. G. B. Roerbach, Mr. W. S. Royston, Mr. and Mrs. B. and Miss M. Willis.

DEPARTURES.

The Dollar Line "President Polk" left Hong Kong on Dec. 21 for Manila and ports beyond. Passengers who embarked here were:—

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. E. E. Pierson, Mr. H. A. Carpenter, Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Grossman, Mr. J. A. Murphy, Miss E. Best, Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Mrs. McCoy, Mr. R. B. Lockwood, Mr. A. M. Amend, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Hurty for Manila. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cory for New York. Mr. H. D. Talbot for Singapore. (There were over 100 through passengers for Manila, Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez, Port Said, Alexandria, Naples, Marseilles, Boston, etc.)

A United States Naval Court-martial on the United States destroyer "Lardner," concluded, at Gravesend, on November 3, the trial of Le Bon Emmanuel Smith, gunner's mate, accused of the shooting of Emilio Paredes, a Filipino mess attendant, late of the "Sharky," at Roskerville on August 24. The decision has been reported to Washington.

Japanese from the cadet training vessels "Adzuma" and "Yakuma," under Rear-Admiral Yamamoto, held a memorial service on November 3 in Bighi Cemetery, Malta, where a number of Japanese were buried during the war when Malta was the base of the Japanese Mediterranean Squadron. H.M. battleship "Barham" furnished a guard of honour.

SEA EPIC.

STORM AND AN HEROIC
CREW.

Amid a terrific gale and with mountainous seas running, the Cunard liner "Andania" (13,950 tons), when 500 miles off the south-west coast of Ireland, stood by the British steamer "Aldworth" (3,389 tons) all night.

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The damaged vessel now steamed to Britain under the escort of the "Andania," whose captain broadcast his appreciation of the crew's heroism.

IMPALED ON BOW.

An amazing incident occurred during the voyage of the "Maunganui" from Sydney to Auckland compelling the steamer to heave to. Suddenly the "Maunganui" slowed to two knots, the cause being a mystery, as the sea was smooth as glass and the engines were running well. Then it was discovered that the steamer had struck a monster blackfish, which had been partly cut in two by the impact, and had become impaled on the bow.

Attempts to harpoon the carcass failed. Finally the ship stopped, and the carcass dropped off. The voyage was then resumed.

The new German cruiser "Emden" (successor to the famous raider commanded by Von Mueller) has left Wilhelmshaven on an eighteen-months' world cruise. She will touch at the "Cocos Island, where the first "Emden" was destroyed in 1914 by the Australian cruiser "Sydney."

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BIRTHS.

FLAMME.—On December 16, 1926, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Flamme, a daughter (stillborn).

McALLAN.—On December 14, 1926, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McAllan, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

BERTHET-GLUCK.—On December 14, 1926, at Shanghai, Eugene M. Gluck to Albert Joseph Berthet, Chinese Maritime Service (retired).

BENNETT-POWELL.—On December 16, 1926, at Kobe, Dr. C. Bennett, of Shanghai, to Mrs. M. A. Powell of U.S.A.

DEATH.

WEBB.—On December 15, 1926, at Shanghai, Herbert Webb, aged 53.

Hong Kong, Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1926.

MR. MILES LAMPSON.

When Mr. Miles Lampson was appointed Minister to China it was announced that his first-hand reports would be awaited before any further steps were taken by the Home Government. Mr. Lampson, upon his arrival in this part of the world, lost no time in coming to grips with the problems he has to solve, his first step being to remain in Hong Kong long enough to acquire a knowledge of conditions in South China from the men on the spot. His next step was to study the position in Shanghai. Then his third step, the most important of all, was to visit Hankow to meet Mr. Eugene Chan, the Nationalist Foreign

Minister. At Hankow, while he was unable to reach any definite settlement, he was yet able to do much good work in "clearing the air," the friendly atmosphere thus created being regarded by both sides as a distinct gain in the direction of a better understanding. Mr. Lampson has now gone to Peking to take up his post there as Britain's chief representative in China. That his task at Peking will be an easy one is not to be thought for a moment, looking to the absence of a central government with whom to deal. Mr. Lampson cannot be expected, therefore, to achieve any immediate success. Indeed, until the whole country shakes down, it is impossible for any Minister, be he never so able, to make much headway. For the most part he can only mark time, doing what he can to clear the air. That is the position at the moment. But the position will change with the march of events, and it is reassuring to know that when it does change, our representative at Peking, commanding the confidence of all Parties at Home and possessing first-hand knowledge of the problems here, can be relied upon to do what is best for Britain and China.

Singapore Base.

Apart from the handsome donation remitted by Hong Kong to the Imperial Government for the Singapore Base, this Colony must ever be exercised in regard to the development of the scheme. Even long before it is fully completed it will be to Singapore that the ships on the China Station will go for necessary overhaul beyond the scope of the Naval Dockyard here, which latter may be expected in course of time to degenerate to the status of a "spare part depot"—if, indeed, the site is not disposed of for other purposes. A suggestion to this effect was made in the House of Commons many months ago, and is likely to be revived at any time. Meanwhile, regret is felt locally that the order for the floating dock for Singapore went past the Hong Kong shipbuilding firms. According to advice by mail there, promises to be a spell of activity in the Home yards, naval and mercantile; but it would be too much to hope for some of the minor work being diverted to this Colony. It would certainly be a recognition by the Home authorities of the need here for a rehabilitation of industry and commerce. It would be practical appreciation of Hong Kong's gift to the Singapore Base, which would

go far to counter the loss of the order for the floating dock. The idea of a few gunboats, say, being built here is not so far fetched as may at first sight appear to some. Our shipbuilding output has hitherto been comparatively small, but the mercantile vessels that have been constructed locally amply justify the reputation achieved thereby.

TRAFFIC CASES.**ARMY OFFICER WITHDRAWS CHARGE.****MAGISTRATE'S COMMENT.**

The names of two Army officers figured in a case which was down for hearing at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Sub-Inspector Nicol said that Lieut. Col. R. R. Lewis had complained to the police of the dangerous driving of a certain motor car, stating that it was travelling at about 50 miles an hour in Salisbury Road, and indicating that he was willing to prosecute the driver.

The driver of the car, it had turned out, was Lieut. Sloane Stanley. In a letter to the Court, Lieut. Col. Lewis indicated that he wished to withdraw the summons. It was possible, said Sub-Inspector Nicol, that when the complainant found out who the driver was he wished to withdraw the case.

His Worship (Mr. T. W. Ainsworth), indicating that this was not very satisfactory, adjourned the case for a week for the attendance of both parties.

Dr. Newton's Complaint. Mr. Tinsin, of the China Light and Power Co., was fined \$5 for driving dangerously in Chatham Road on December 4.

Dr. I. Newton, Medical Officer of the Kowloon Mortuary, at whose instance the charge was taken out, said that the defendant, who was driving an Austin Seven, passed within a foot of witness and Major Lynch as they were walking from the Kowloon Football Club. The two pedestrians were close to the side of the road and there was no other traffic in sight.

Defendant said that he had no recollection of the incident.

Unlicensed Driver. A nominal fine of \$1 was imposed on Capt. E. W. Morris who was summoned for permitting his motor car to be driven by an unlicensed driver.

Sub-Inspector Nicol said that the Indian chauffeur, on being asked for his licence, produced a learner's licence which had expired on October 30. It was stated on such a licence that learners had to be accompanied by a licensed driver.

Capt. Morris said that he was unaware of such a regulation. In addition to the nominal fine on the owner, the driver was fined \$10 for driving without a licence.

A Good Turn. Chief Petty Officer Jones, of H.M.S. "Titanic," was fined \$10 for driving a motor cycle without the necessary licence and Mr. Paradise was fined \$3 for allowing his cycle to be driven by an unlicensed driver.

Mr. Paradise said that Mr. Jones had kindly offered to de-carbonise the engine and was taking it to the owner's house for this purpose. Witness did not know that Mr. Jones was not in possession of a licence. He was an instructor in mechanics and took classes.

FORGED NOTE ACQUITTAI.

The case in which a Chinese, defended by Mr. D. McCallum, was charged with attempting to change a forged \$10 note, was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning. Defendant, in the witness box, informed Mr. Lindsell that he received the note whilst playing Mah Jong at a tea house. Afterwards, when counting his money, he suspected the genuineness of the note and decided to make a test. His Worship found that there was no evidence to show that the defendant knew that it was forged and dismissed the case.

BIRCHING FOR SNATCHER.

Finding a Chinese guilty of snatching a gold brooch from Miss Catherine Maxwell, Mr. T. W. Ainsworth sent the man to jail for six months, ordering him to receive twelve strokes with the birch in addition. The incident occurred in Ashley Road on Saturday afternoon. The little girl gave chase, her cries attracting the attention of a Sanitary Board coolie, who effected the arrest of the man. The brooch was later recovered in the market.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Vindictive" are giving a concert at the Royal Naval Canton Theatre this evening, to-morrow evening and Thursday evening, commencing on each occasion at 8.45.

"LIENSHING" DISASTER

Loss Mounts Up to Nearly \$2,000,000

LETTER FROM SHANGHAI.

Visit of the Bishop of London.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Shanghai, Dec. 17.

Described by the "China Press" as Jardine's "Crack Conscience Liner," the s.s. "Lienshing" lies a complete wreck on the Amherst Rocks. Judging from all accounts to hand, the passengers and crew had a severe time until the arrival of the rescue ships upon the scene of the tragedy. Details of conspicuous heroism have been brought to light. Piecing together the stories of the twenty-eight rescued foreigners, and those of the ship's officers, has enabled a more accurate estimate of the number of Chinese who were drowned to be reached, the total having now been placed at more than forty.

The loss through the sinking of the vessel, \$30, has mounted considerably since the first reports of the disaster, the total now being placed at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, including \$800,000 at which the steamer was valued, bars of gold and other cargo, and the personal baggage of passengers and officers, most of whom lost everything except a few articles of clothing.

The Bishop of London.

Local churchgoers are looking forward with the keenest interest to the forthcoming visit of the Bishop of London. His Lordship is to preach at the Cathedral on Sunday morning. It is not yet known whether Dr. Malony, the Anglican Bishop in Mid-China will be present, but the question of precedence in the event of the two prelates being present has arisen. By mutual agreement between the American and English metropolitans, the see of Shanghai is in the hands of the American Episcopal Church, the Bishop of Shanghai being the Rt. Rev. Dr. Graves, of St. John's University, Jessfield, the University chapel being known as the Pro-Cathedral. Holy Trinity Cathedral, Sir Gilbert Scott's great Gothic structure in the centre of the Settlement is a cathedral in name only, although it contains what is regarded as the diocesan throne. The Rt. Rev. H. H. Malony, D.D., the Anglican Bishop in Mid-China has his headquarters at the Church Missionary Centre at Ningpo, and, strictly speaking, is merely a "visitor" when preaching at Holy Trinity Cathedral. No doubt, as a matter of courtesy, his Lordship of London will be accommodated on the throne, Dr. Malony being relegated to a seat in the side aisle. The same principle, i.e., mere courtesy, will probably be followed in other instances when episcopal precedence is involved.

Card Faking.

According to the "North China Daily News," the special branch of the Central Police Station has made a very interesting haul and one arrest in connection with it. It appears that a Chinese was selling playing cards which purported to be of the "Bicycle" brand. It is alleged that a man, now under detention, got together a large quantity of discarded packs of cards, sliced off the backs bearing their trade-marks, pasted a new piece of cardboard at the back of each and dyed them in such a manner as to represent the "Bicycle" brand. It is said that when the house was raided, 10,000 packets of the cards were found. The man is to be charged later with selling them.

X-RAY MOVIE FILMS.

Rugby, Dec. 20. The radiologist of University College, London, working in conjunction with two cinematograph experts, has discovered a method of taking X-ray cinematograph films of the human body. The problem of producing sufficiently strong illumination for moving pictures without injuring the skin of the subject has, it is stated, been overcome.—British Wireless Service.

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INDIAN FOLLOWS LOCAL POLICE.

WARRANT FROM LAHORE.

Described as a former managing director of an Indian bank and insurance company, Diwan Mangel Sen, arrested by Det. Sgt. Elston on the s.s. "Talma" was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning, and charged on a warrant issued by the Punjab police of Lahore.

Defendant said that he wished to make a statement to the Magistrate and that he did not require an interpreter.

His Worship: Well, what have you got to say? The only thing I know about you is that a warrant has been issued for your arrest by the Government of Punjab.

Defendant: I am not a fugitive offender.

His Worship: Why?

Defendant: I left my country in 1925. If I had been a fugitive I would have gone to one of the countries where British interference would not be tolerated, let alone obeyed. I would not be here. I would have gone to Russia or to some other country. The officer will tell your Honour that when he called on me and arrested me, I gave no trouble. I followed him like a tame lion in a circus.

Up to 1925, I was connected for 19 years with the Hindustan Insurance Company. For nineteen years my accounts were passed. There was never any trouble until there were changes on the board of directors. We had serious differences of opinion and I resigned. I went to Peshawar and did some religious work.

His Worship: I am afraid that I am not directly concerned with that.

Defendant: I wanted to inform your Honour that I am not a fugitive offender.

His Worship: What ship was the man on?

Det. Sgt. Elston: The "Talma" with a ticket to Penang.

His Worship: There is no doubt that the Government of Punjab has issued a warrant for your arrest.

Defendant: I say that I am not a fugitive offender.

His Worship: You don't seem to understand what a fugitive means.

Det. Sgt. Elston said that he had been instructed to ask for two days' remand in Police custody as the Police had telegraphed the Lahore Police and awaited further instructions.

Defendant asked the Magistrate if he would be allowed to have some books to read.

Mr. Lindsell: I dare say that the Police will arrange that.

Defendant: May I have a roll occasionally under Police surveillance? I will injure my health to be continually locked up. (Laughter.)

AT THE "STAR."

DICK NORTON'S GLOBE TROTTERS.

ATTRACTION FOR THURSDAY.

Dick Norton and his "Globe Trotters" are affording Kowloon residents an opportunity of hearing the latest that this versatile company have to offer in the way of light entertainment. On Thursday they open a short season at the "Star" Theatre when an entirely new programme will be submitted.

The bill of fare at the "Star" also includes the presentation of "The Great Divide," Reginald Barker's screen version of the famous American play by William Vaughn Moody. The story, as is well known to many, is an epic of the West; a powerfully dramatic story of the elemental clash of a woman, typical of the repressed culture of the "East" and a man typical of the fiery, defiant, lawless spirit of the West.

The principals of the cast are Alice Terry and Conway Tearle.

MR. C. H. WEBB

DEATH OF SHANGHAI EDITOR.

The death has taken place in Shanghai, of Mr. C. Herbert Webb, former journalist and at one time editor of the "China Press." Mr. Webb began his career in America, on the St. Louis "Post Dispatch" and later the Pulitzer organisation and that of William Randolph Hearst. He came to China at the summons of Mr. Thomas Millard, the present correspondent in China for the New York "Times" to become a member of the staff of the "China Press" which was being organised by Mr. Millard about 12 years ago. He later succeeded Mr. Millard as editor, when the former withdrew, and about three years ago retired from this post.

BISHOP INGRAM.

PROGRAMME FOR HONG KONG VISIT.

DUE ON THURSDAY.

The Bishop of London left Shanghai for Hong Kong yesterday on the s.s. "President Lincoln" which is due here at daybreak on Thursday.

The following are his principal engagements during his stay—

Thursday, Dec. 22nd: 11.15 p.m. guests of honour at dinner given by members of the Hong Kong Club: 4-6 p.m. present at an "At Home" for Church workers in the Cathedral Hall.

Friday, December 23rd: In the morning the Bishop will visit the Hong Kong University and incidentally will meet informally members of the Hong Kong University Christian Association.

Saturday, December 25th: 8 a.m. the Bishop will celebrate Holy Communion in St. John's Cathedral; 11 a.m. he will preach in the Cathedral.

Sunday, December 26th: 11 a.m. the Bishop is due to preach at St. Andrew's, Kowloon; in the afternoon he will visit the "Bible School" and the Blind Home.

Visit To Canton.

Monday, December 27th: He is hoped to make arrangements for the Bishop to visit Canton.

Tuesday, December 28th: 10.30 a.m. The Bishop will address the quarterly service of the Mothers' Union in St. John's Cathedral; 1.15 p.m. The Bishop will attend the Victoria Diocesan Association reception in the City Hall; 8 p.m. he will be the guest of honour of the Oxford and Cambridge Society at dinner in the Hotel Royal Hotel.

Wednesday, December 29th: 2.30 a.m. The Bishop will celebrate Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church; in the morning he will visit the Diocesan Boys' School and the Victoria Home, Kowloon; he will proceed to Peking for lunch; 6 p.m. the Bishop will give a devotional address in St. John's Cathedral.

Thursday, December 30th: During the morning the Bishop of London will visit various educational institutions in the Colony; 1 p.m. he will be the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Old Marlburians; 4 p.m. the Bishop of London will be present at an "At Home" to Chinese workers in St. John's Cathedral Hall; 9.30 p.m. he will give an address at a service for men in the Cathedral.

Friday, December 31st: The Bishop and his party will visit Macao, returning to Hong Kong on the same day; he will be the guest of honour at a Chinese dinner arranged by the Hong Kong Chinese Church Body.

The Bishop is due to leave for Singapore on January 1 by the "Hakone Maru."

Shanghai Welcome.

Extensive plans were made in Shanghai in order that as many as possible might have the opportunity of meeting Bishop Ingram during his short visit there.

The Bishop's programme there included a foursome of golf in the afternoon, as among his brilliant attributes he has always been a faithful adherent to sport. A dinner was given in his honour by Sir Sidney Barton on Saturday night. Sunday morning was given over entirely to religious services, the first one to be celebrated by the Bishop being at 8 a.m. in the Cathedral, followed by the 10.30 service at which the Bishop addressed a large congregation.

Tiffin for the Bishop was given in the Denney by the Very Rev. Dean and Mrs. Symons, at which time members of the Cathedral staff had an opportunity to meet his lordship. From 4 to 5.30 the Dean and Mrs. Symons were at home at the residence of Sir Sidney and Lady Barton who kindly offered their residence for the occasion. For dinner the Bishop was entertained by Mr. P. W. O. Liddell when about 40 guests were present.

Charged before Mr. Lindsay at the Central Magistracy this morning, a Chinese cyclist said that he had "had a jolt and my light went out." His Worship imposed a fine of \$2.

The compradore of the s.s. "Cheung Shing" has reported to the Police that on the night of December 19, someone stole 20 tins of peanut oil from the vessel. The oil is valued at \$182.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL.

PRIZE-GIVING DAY AT KOWLOON.

SUCCESSSES IN DRAWING.

At the annual prize distribution and exhibition of work this morning at the Kowloon Junior British School, Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of English Schools, congratulated both the staff and pupils on a fine year of work, especially with regard to the successes gained in drawing.

Mrs. R. M. Dyer, wife of the chief manager of the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd. gave away the prizes and a vote of thanks to her was moved by Mr. Ralphs.

Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education) was present with Professor L. Forster, the Rev. H. R. Wells, the Rev. J. Horace Johnston, Captain Sharnock (Military Schools), together with a large attendance of parents and friends.

An exhibition of the school work was given in the classrooms. This was the subject of much favourable comment from those present, admiration being expressed all round for the splendid results attained by the children.

A programme of entertainment was also submitted by the kiddies, in charge of members of the staff. All acquitted themselves with high merit, proving that they had fully profited by the tuition given.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The report of the headmistress, Miss M. Cooper, B.A., for 1926 was read as follows:—

Attendance.—The attendance has been well maintained throughout the year. In April we had 101 pupils on the roll—the highest recorded attendance.

Staff.—Mrs. Hewer left for New Zealand in January. In the same month Miss Bailey was married and we lost a valuable Kindergarten mistress when she resigned in March, in order to return to England. Mrs. Hooper rejoined the staff in April and Mrs. Rundell was appointed in Mrs. Hewer's place.

Visits.—On Jan. 27 H.E. the Governor accompanied by the Director of Education, visited the school and examined the work done by the various classes. Mr. E. Ralphs, Mr. G. P. de Martin, the Rev. Mr. H. R. Wells and Mr. E. Wylie have also visited the School during the year and inspected the work of the various classes. Professor L. Forster took some interesting intelligence tests in Class 7.

Examinations.—In June we entered 27 pupils for the preparatory examination of the Royal Drawing Society and 1 pupil, Joan Berry, for division I. This pupil was awarded honours. Of those taking the preparatory section 15 gained honours, 11 passed and there was only 1 failure.

Last year May Witchell, a pupil in class 7, had the distinction of being awarded one of the two special prizes allotted to China by the Royal Drawing Society.

Sixteen pupils have qualified to pass up to the Central British School on the results of the examination held in December.

Medical Inspection.—In October, Dr. (Mrs.) Minett, the School Medical Officer, examined all the children who had been "adversely reported upon on her last visit, and found that they had all improved in health. She found also the general health of the pupils good.

School Buildings.—The matched, under which two classes are taken, was destroyed in the typhoon in September, and re-constructed in November.

General.—We owe thanks to the Kowloon Dock for much help given to Mr. Forster for the decorations and to Mr. Lindsay for the use of chairs, also to Mrs. Matthews, and Messrs. Der. A. Wing. The members of the School staff have generously provided the prizes, and to them also our thanks are due. I cannot conclude without thanking the staff for the excellent work they have done during the year and for their co-operation in everything that concerned the interests of the school.

PRIZE LIST.

The prize list was as follows:—

Class 7:—Patricia Parker—Scholarship and form prize; Peter Hancock—French; Joan Laurensen—Progress; Elsie Dove and Margaret Adam—Handwork and sewing.

Class 8:—Pamela Rundell—Scholarship and form prize; Teddy Malm—Progress; Joan Langley—Composition; Marcia Matthews—History and Geography; Alvina Lathovetsky—Handwork.

Class 9:—Dickie Branch—Form prize (boys); Alice Black—Form prize (girls); Neville Howe—1st, last term (boys); Nan Martin—1st, last term (girls); Ian Kempton, Peter Green, Peggy Tobin, Joan Jennings and Nessie Gillespie—for Progress.

Class 10:—Margaret Young and Margery Lammert—Progress and handwork; Joyce Humphreys; Molly

CHINESE BISHOPS.

INCIDENT DURING FRENCH TOUR.

NEW MISSION POLICY.

Paris, Dec. 20.

The celebration of Mass in a church in South Paris in which the five Chinese Bishops who are touring France were officiating, was interrupted by Communists and Fascists fighting.

The police were summoned, and dispersed the combatants, one being sent to hospital. The Bishops were unhurt.

A ceremony which marked a new phase in the history of missions, was later performed in Notre Dame. Cardinal Dubois receiving the five Chinese Bishops, one of whom mounted the pulpit and spoke in Chinese for the benefit of his many compatriots present.

The director of the work of St. Peter for native clergy emphasized the importance of the ceremony, indicating the desire of the Church to grant native clergy more autonomy.

The Chinese Minister was present, and M. Poincare was represented.—Reuter.

Metaphorically Speaking.

Paris, Dec. 20.

Bishop Soun, one of the Chinese Bishops who attended the ceremonies in Notre Dame Cathedral yesterday, preached a sermon eulogising France as a garden where all the sciences and arts blossom, and recommending Chinese students in Paris to gather in like bees from these flowers all the intellectual honey.—Havas.

KRASSIN'S ASHES.

IMMURED IN THE KREMLIN WALL.

At 10 o'clock p.m. on December 1,

a special train arrived at Moscow bringing the urn with Mr. Krassin's ashes. Members of the Government, Diplomatic Corps, personal friends of the deceased, numerous delegations of various institutions, Trade Unions and factories assembled at the station's platform to meet the train. Count Brockdorff Rautzau, German Ambassador, in the capacity of the doyen of the Diplomatic Corps, laid the wreath on behalf of the Corps. Members of the Government and friends carried the urn from the railway carriage and put it on a hearse bearing it to the Red Square. There Mr. Kalinin, President of the Central Executive Committee of the U. S. S. R. delivered the final speech on behalf of the Government. At ten minutes past three o'clock the urn under a cannon's salute was immured in the Kremlin Wall at the back of Lenin's Mausoleum.

The Associated Press reported that Senator Borah visited the White House and urged the President to scrap the Ways and Means Committee's proposals which amount to confiscation and immediately to return the confiscated German property as the American honour worth far more than the 280 million dollars involved.

Chamberlain, Nancy Grady, Hilda Salmon, Mary Lyl, Barbara Reeves, Olivia Matthews, Billy Nash, Elena Lathovetsky, Hazel Dove, Jimmy Elvidge, Jan Donald, Douglas Geldart, Franklin Keeley and Philip Egan—for Progress.

Royal Drawing Society Examinations:—

Honours, division 1.—Joan Berry. Honours, Preliminary.—Dorothy Tolan, Billy Parker, Edwin Long, Margaret Adam, Charley Bryson, Jean Bryson, Margaret Dixon, Elsie Dove; Isa Lammert, Joan Laurensen, Phyllis Mooney, Patricia Parker, Dorothy Witchell, Pat Young, Alex Macfarlane.

Pass Preliminary.—Pamela Rundell, Marcia Matthews, Joan Langley, Taylor Allen, Brenda Boryer, Peter Hancock, Betty Spaulding, Robert Stott, David Whyte, Joan Paradice, Betty Green.

THE PROGRAMME.

The programme of entertainment provided by the kiddies comprised:—

Song—Christmas Carol. Dance—Irish Jig. Nursery Rhymes—kindergarten. Playlet—"The Dishonest Merchant," by class 7.

Songs—"The Christmas Bells" and "Lullaby," by class 9. Dance—Elfin Frolic.

French songs—"Ah, vous dirai-je, Quand trois poules," "Bonjour, belle roseine" and "La Mist en l'aire," by classes 7 and 8.

Recitation—class 8. Songs—"Poppies, in the Wheat" and "Sweet and Low," by classes 7 and 8.

COOLIE ALL SMILES.

U.S. NAVY SAYS IT WITH GOLD.

A SHANGHAI INCIDENT.

The American Navy scored yesterday afternoon and an unfortunate rhesa coolie to-day is the proud possessor of sufficient American gold to have his damaged rhesa repaired, says the "Shanghai Times" of December 17.

A heavy truck, swinging into Broadway, sounded a warning to late. There was a hoarse shout from the driver, a grinding of brakes and a crash. An angry truck driver berated the hapless coolie, from whose injured hand blood flowed, then drove on.

The coolie, dejected and probably in pain, sat on the curb and gazed forlornly at his damaged vehicle. Passing rhesa men grinned, chattered and trotted on. Rain was falling, but the coolie was impervious to it. Where once a perfectly good rhesa had rolled over Shanghai streets, only a battered wreck remained. Hence the grief of the coolie.

A party of American sailors, passing took in the situation. Sympathy for the under dog is typical of America. Here, clearly, in their opinion, was an under dog.

"What's the trouble, boy?" one husky, clean-cut sailor queried, roughly, yet kindly. The rhesa coolie pointed dramatically to the broken rhesa. "What do you say, boys?" the husky man in blue asked, turning to his companions. They said it with America's gold.

MEXICO'S LAWS.

FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES' POSITION.

Mexico, City, Dec. 20.

The representatives of the various foreign oil companies have begun informal discussions with the Secretary of Industry, Commerce and Labour with a view to reaching agreement with regard to the enforcement of the petroleum and land laws.

The secretary previously made a statement that the Government had not apply the laws retrospectively and did intend to do so. Besides the Mexican courts would not sanction this.

Referring to the nine important companies which have applied for the necessary concessions confirming their rights, the Secretary of Industry said these companies know our legislation not only does not attack their rights, but is favourable to their interests.—Reuter's American Service.

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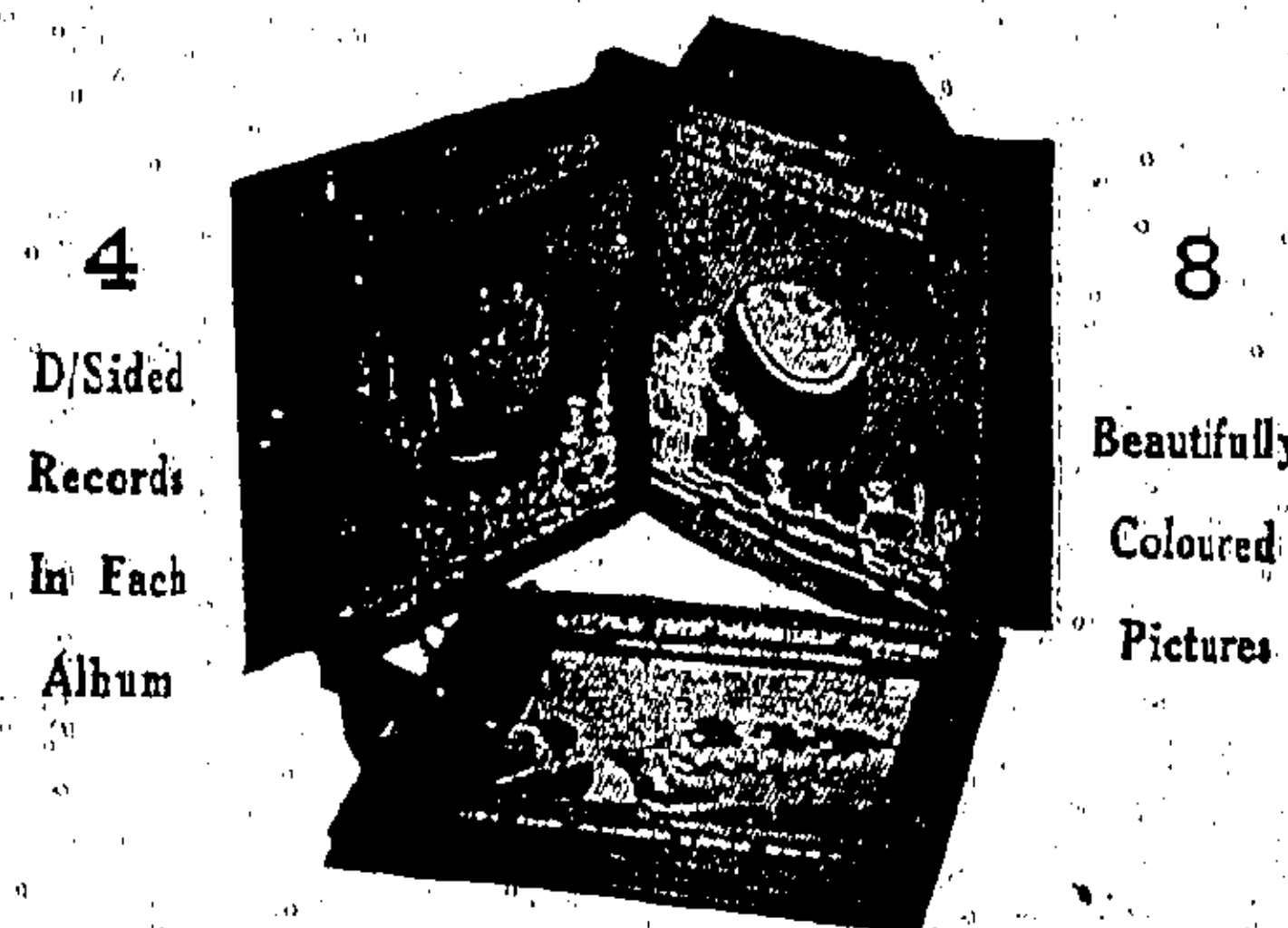


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2 qts. King George IV White Label or Perfection Whisky	1 qt. Burgundy
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No. 2 HAMPER—\$34.

1 qt. Gulleimart Champagne	2 qts. Tawny Dry Port
1 pt. D.O.M.	2 qts. St. Julien Claret
1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy	1 qt. V. No. 1 Pasto Sherry
2 qts. King George IV W.L. or Perfection Whisky	1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters

No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Engrand's XXX Brandy
1 pt. Peppermint G.F.	1 qt. Amontillado Sherry
1 pt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
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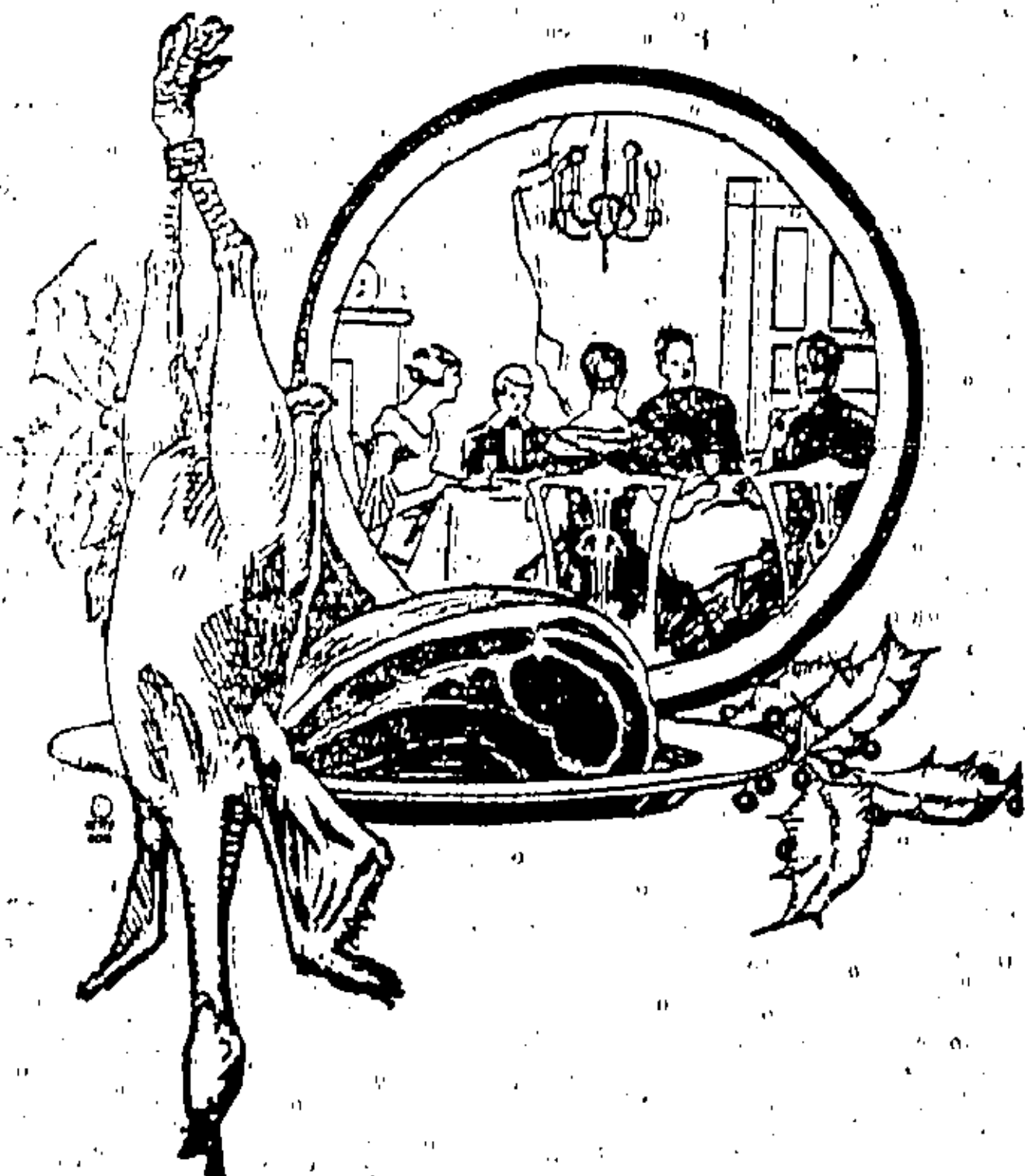
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The 1927 calendar issued by the Anderson Music Co., Ltd., takes the form of a blotter and cross-word puzzle combined.

The third boxing tournament under the auspices of Hong Kong Boxing Association is at the Theatre Royal to-night, commencing at 9.15.

For the Christmas holidays, the local exchange banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Saturday and Monday.

For N. Lazarus, the well-known Optician in Queen's Road Central, the "China Mail" has received a New Year folder giving the dates for 1927 and some practical advice about eyesight.

A handsome little New Year gift is the plated cigarette box containing cigarettes which the British American Tobacco Company is distributing in Hong Kong on behalf of W.D. & H.O. Wills' Captain Navy Cut Cigarettes.

The "Three Castles" tobacco and cigarettes calendar for 1927, issued with the compliments of W.D. & H.O. Wills, will make a special appeal to yachtsmen, as it shows three yachts rounding the mark. The painting is by Montague Dawson.

St. Peter's Church, West Point will be decorated between 3.30 p.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Friday, December 24. All are invited to help. Gifts should be sent as early as possible during the day. Tea will be served in the vestry at 4.45 p.m. in order that those who help with the decorations may stay on for Evensong and Preparation at 5.30 p.m.

General Pi has divided Kiangtung into six departments for troop protection, after he accompanied the fleet to the south. No. 1 is Kiang-Ao, which is to be protected by the Military Instructional Regiment at Tsingtao. All the departments are detailed with their districts, and besides these the warships Hsiao An, Ying Hsiao, Chung Tsing and Chung An will remain at Tsingtao to afford protection.

There will be an open day and sale of work on Thursday at 10.30 a.m. at the Victoria British School.

The Commercial Port has been ordered to pay the sum of \$3,000 per month to the Martial Law Department at Tsingtao.

Amongst Bills to be introduced into the Straits Legislative Councils is one placing on an unlicensed person found in possession of wireless apparatus, the burden of proving he has not worked the same.

In Fatsiam, as in Swatow, the labour elements seem to have secured full control in matters of trade and politics. Several murders resulted from labour disputes last week but the police were not allowed to interfere.

At 3 p.m. on Dec. 2, the office of the vernacular paper "Shih Se" was sealed by the Hankow Business Office of the Wu-Han Fence Preserving Bureau. Lin Ping-yen, the manager, is stated to have been captured, but the reason for this action is not stated.

The special Christmas music chosen by the Rev. Fr. Riganti for St. Joseph's Church is as follows: Christmas Eve, 11.45 p.m. (Midnight Mass): Ravanello—Messa "St. Giuseppe"; Christmas Day 10 a.m. (High Mass): Vittadini—Messa "Soleenne."

The case against the two men charged with attempting to steal a number of watches from Messrs. Sennet Freres' shop in Pedder Street was again mentioned in Mr. Schofield's Court at the General Magistrate's yesterday afternoon. His Worship said that he would hear the defence on Thursday at noon.

Recruiting of soldiers for the army, which was cancelled for some time, has again recommenced in Shanghai. The recruiting officers carry out their work chiefly round the small harbour of Tsingtao, and at the railway stations' entrances, inviting enlistment. At the same time the forcible commandeering of carts has begun again, many cases being reported daily.

The Bishop of London will celebrate Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church, West Point on December 29 at 7.30 a.m.

A suitable companion for the man who holds the sack and lantern on a snipe hunting expedition, is the young lady in the lobby of a Shanghai hotel who thought that a goblet is a small sailer.

A report from Ghoshi states that about two hundred whistles made their appearance off that coast recently. The news was given by a fisherman out on the sea and hundreds of fishermen made a sort of carrying harpoons. About fifty of the animals were caught in a few hours and a big sensation was caused in the fishing village.

In many of the outlying towns, says a Swatow correspondent, the merchants have engaged toughs to fight for them and conditions are pitiful. Each village has a grievance against its neighbour and when a miniature war breaks out, troops have to be sent up to quell the disturbance. Under the circumstances peasants are refusing to pay the rents of their ground to the landlords.

An attempted robbery of the home of Madame Flora Rosenberg by two Chinese resulted in one of the pair being brought into the Mixed Court, Shanghai, on Dec. 6. The hearing, however, was postponed until Dec. 10 in order to permit a more thorough investigation. Two Chinese were seen emerging from the home on the night of the attempted robbery, one escaping.

The Police in Shanghai have the same difficulties as their confreres in Hong Kong. The "Daily News" of Dec. 10 says:—An armed robbery which was committed in an alleyway off Burkill Road on Tuesday night was not reported to the police by the victim until the following afternoon. The complainant was too scared to make a report and it was not until about 36 hours later that he came to the realisation that Shanghai had a police force.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

On board the "President Polk" which left for Singapore to-day (via Manila) was Bishop Titus Lowe of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Singapore, and Mrs. Titus Lowe.

Reminder: first performance of the Christmas matinee (fair play and shadow pictures) at the Theatre Royal at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow in aid of the Ministering Children's League and the Seamen's Institute.

Mr. A. V. Pinson, Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Warrick, Mr. J. de Silva and Mr. M. d'Almeida arrived in Hong Kong on the "Nellore" to-day from Shanghai. A number of passengers are going on to Bombay from Kobe.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. George Lombard, Friedrich Geislinger, missionary at Lilong, at present residing at Jordan House, No. 223, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Anna Johanna Gackstatter, who is en route to the Colony on the m.s. "Fulda."

Captain G. R. Reed, it is understood, has been offered the post of Deputy Chief of the Shanghai Fire Brigade. Captain Reed formerly resided in Shanghai and has held the position of Secretary and Captain Superintendent of Police at Amoy for the past six years. His acceptance is regarded as certain.

Mr. Meng Poh, Acting Civil Governor of Kiangsu, has officially sent a representative to request Mr. Chen Tao-yi, in whose place Mr. Meng is acting to return to his post at Nanking. It appears that Mr. Chen has tendered his resignation as a mark of his disapproval of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's invitation of the Shantung troops to enter the province, and has retired to his native place at Chinshan. No information has been received as to his returning.

Sir Ronald and Lady Mackay left Shanghai for Hong Kong on Dec. 17 by the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia." Sir Sidney and Lady Barton, Mr. E. G. Jamieson and practically all the Consulate staff were on the jetty with many other friends among whom were Judge Peter Ginn, Mr. J. Knight, Mr. A. W. Burkill, Mrs. Birt and Miss Margaret Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Char, Mrs. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Clear, Mrs. Ford, Chairman of the B.W.A., Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Green, Mr. H. E. Morris, Major Hilton-Johnson and Mr. P. W. Massey.

Mr. L. Dunbar, the local flour merchant and race pony owner, left for Manila on the Dollar Line "President Polk" this morning.

Mrs. Clover, wife of the editor of "Saturday Night" published in Los Angeles, has arrived in Shanghai, and will spend the winter visiting her son who is manager in Shanghai for the Tidewater Oil Company.

Mr. Robert Burgher, third secretary of the American legation at Tokyo is expected to arrive in Peking shortly with his mother and sister. Mr. Burgher is on vacation, and does not come to China on business.

Mr. Hsu Wei-cheng, the new Magistrate for the Shanghai Mixed Court appointed by Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, paid an official visit on Dec. 9 to Mr. Hsu Yuan, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, and Dr. V. K. Ting.

Dr. and Mrs. Duncan Main, returning from China, left Shanghai for Hong Kong on Dec. 7, by the P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia." Many friends were at the jetty to bid them good-bye including Bishop Melony, Dean Symonds, and many more.

Liu Hsuen-lai, Commissioner of the Peace Preserving Bureau, has been ordered by the Central Director to deliver Tset Chen-kwei, the ex-Commissioner of the Police Station, Wuchang, to the criminal court for judgment.

Dr. Wu Lien-teh, China's leading physician, was the guest of the Sino-Japanese Society at dinner on Dec. 9, at the China United Assurance Society's building in Bubbling Well Road, Shanghai. Dr. Wu, of course, is in Shanghai to attend a meeting of the Sino-Japanese Cultural Works Committee, of which he is a member.

Thirty members and friends participated at the monthly luncheon of the Eastern Welcome Club, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Shanghai, when a special toast was accorded to two Past Presidents, Mr. Walter Lomax, of Gibbon and Co., and Mr. Ralph Ward, of Ward, Herring, both of whom are leaving this month for an extended tour through India and the Far East. Among the visitors was a director of the firm of Messrs. Teetani and Co., cigarette manufacturers.

Mr. H. Taylor has assumed the management of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company, Shanghai, relieving Mr. W. Pimley who has been assigned to Manila for one year, after which he is retiring.

Loud cheers were raised by participants in a dance of the North Lambert Branch of the British Legion when the Prince of Wales arrived. He soon took the floor with a lady as his partner and danced the Charleston. He departed amid a storm of cheers and blessings.

Mr. Curtis W. Childs, member of the Foreign Staff of the First National Bank of Boston, who has been in China for several months, making a special study of the exchange and currency situation left Shanghai last Saturday for Manila, the Straits Settlement, and India to look into the silver situation.

The wedding of Mr. William Norman Prophet, of Wm. Jacks and Co., and Miss Wylva Robb, who arrived from home by the "Aeneas" took place at the Presbyterian Church, Singapore, the Rev. G. H. Douglas officiating. Mr. H. Elphick gave the bride away and Mrs. Elphick was matron of honour. Mr. M. P. Selts was best man.

Arriving here with a very big complement of round-the-world passengers, the Dollar Line "President Polk" took away a good many this morning from Hong Kong, bound for Manila, Singapore, New York, etc. Among the names of those embarking here are Lt.-Col. and Mrs. R. H. Pierson, Mr. J. A. Murphy, Miss E. Best and Mr. H. D. Talbot.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, the local sharebroker, was a passenger on the "President Polk" which sailed this morning for Manila. Mr. Hodgson was formerly honorary secretary to the Hong Kong Automobile Association. He occasionally finds time to attend the races where his presence is a good many years ago, as starter, was always desired. Of latter years he officiated once at an extra meeting to fill a temporary gap. Older residents will remember that Mr. Hodgson was once Crown Solicitor and that he subsequently engaged in private practice in the Colony. He was also on the staff of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., before going into Lee House Street.

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SPORTS SECTION

BOXING TO-NIGHT.

EWING'S QUEST FOR A NEW TITLE.

MIDDLEWEIGHT BOUT.

Undeclared in all fights under the auspices of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, Able Seaman Ewing of H.M.S. "Hermes" moves up into the middleweight class to-night when he will fight for the Colony's championship over 15 two-minute rounds, with Stoker "Taff" Howard, formerly of H.M.S. "Hawkins" and now of H.M.S. "Hawkins".

Ewing has hitherto fought here as a welter, winning one belt outright and gaining the right to hold a second title challenged by his shipmate, Stoker Norman Morris. Ewing then surrendered the belt and went into the middleweight class.



Able Seaman Ewing of H.M.S. "Hermes," one of the boxers in to-night's main event at the Theatre Royal, under the auspices of the H.K.B.A.

Morris has previously beaten Ewing—not here—by a knock-out. But Ewing beat "Jim" Cardigan this season and Cardigan trounced Morris convincingly.

An Added Attraction.

There is little possibility of drawing a big crowd with Howard. Earlier this month the newcomer fought as a light-heavyweight and defeated Petty Officer Francis, Howard then appeared to be out of condition.

If anything, he will have the pull in poundage to-night at the Theatre Royal.

The programme (opening at 9.15 p.m.) bears the hall-mark of Mr. J. Brook's sterling "promoting."

Hong Kong will have the opportunity of seeing a world's amateur champion in Mr. "Eddie" Egan (the Oxford Blue and Olympic Games winner) who is to box six rounds. This bout alone should be worth going a long way to see. Details follow:

Main Event, 15 rounds middleweight championship of the Colony: Able Seaman Ewing, H.M.S. "Hermes," Imperial Services middleweight champion v. Stoker "Taff" Howard, H.M.S. "Hawkins."

6 rounds preliminaries:—welterweight: Stoker Reynolds, H.M.S. Submarine v. Stoker Evans, H.M.S. "Hermes."

amateur heavyweight: Eddie Egan v. Stoker Addison, H.M.S. "Hermes."

featherweight: Corporal McManus, H.M.S. "Hawkins," Imperial Services featherweight champion v. Marine Hills, H.M.S. "Hermes."

middleweight: Stoker Morrell, H.M.S. "Hawkins," v. Leading Seaman Gray, H.M.S. "Iroquois."

bantamweight: A. C. Threadingham, H.M.S. "Hermes," v. Stoker Foxley, H.M.S. "Hawkins."

NAVAL BOAT RACE.

BRITISH GUNBOATS AT KONGMOON.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Dec. 17.

Through there being three of the British gunboats of the West River patrol in port here, as well as a number of H.M.S.'s armed launches (for anti-pracy work), a race was held for Naval rowing boats at Chiu Lin, on the opposite side of the River to Pakkai.

The competing boats were from H.M.S. "Tarantula," H.M.S. "Moth," H.M.S. "Cicada," and H.M.S.'s armed launches "Onslaught," "Fauconer" and "Nessus."

"SUB." GRIFFINS.

YESTERDAY'S INTERESTING DRAW.

THE PICK OF 45.

Forty-five subscription griffins (for the 1927 race season), which arrived on Saturday from North China, were drawn for at the Jockey Club stables yesterday.

These are all China ponies with no appearance of mixed blood. Of the original 45, 5 were rejected. Accordingly, 5 griffins were purchased to make up the complement. These were drawn by Mr. M. M. Mans (2), Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. Ho Kom-tong and Messrs. Dyer and Beith and were considered the pick of the draw.

The draw resulted:—

1. Messrs. Dyer and Beith, shewbald.
2. Mr. E. L. Hosie, bay.
3. Mr. G. W. Coates, roan.
4. Mr. Henry Humphreys, grey.
5. Mr. L. Reidy, dun.
6. Mr. R. E. Ost, grey.
7. Messrs. Austin and Peterson, nutmeg grey.
8. Mr. H. P. White, grey.
9. Wayfoong Moss, spotted, grey.
10. Sir Victor Sassoon, cream.
11. Mr. G. W. Sewell, shewbald.
12. Mr. Roder, grey.
13. Sir Victor Sassoon, chestnut.
14. Mr. L. Dunbar, red roan.
15. Mr. E. Dunbar, bay.
16. Mr. C. E. Brown, bay.
17. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, white.
18. Mrs. R. M. Dyer, black.
19. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, dun.
20. Mr. R. M. Austin, brown.
21. Mr. Henry Humphreys, grey.
22. Mrs. R. M. Austin, dun.
23. Mrs. R. J. Paterson, white.
24. Mr. Jonathan (Mr. C. A. Peel), grey.
25. Mr. Topsiside (Mr. M. M. Mans), chestnut.
26. Mr. Lighthouse (Messrs. Sim and Peary), grey.
27. Messrs. Dyer and Beith, chestnut.
28. Messrs. Dyer and Beith, chestnut.
29. Mr. Dynasty, grey.
30. Mr. Ho Kom-tong, grey.
31. Messrs. Lee and Stanton, bay.
32. Messrs. Tester and Abraham, grey.
33. Mr. Ho Kom-tong, grey.
34. Mr. R. A. Seth, black.
35. Mr. Dynasty, brown.
36. Mr. Lighthouse, spotted roan.
37. Mr. R. M. Austin, grey.
38. Mr. W. T. Stanton, dun.
39. Mrs. R. J. Paterson, bay.
40. Mr. E. L. Sim, grey.
41. K. O. S. B. Right, black.
42. Mr. Topsiside, white.
43. Mr. F. G. Hall, dun.
44. Mr. D. A. G. Bernard, grey.
45. Mr. H. A. Seth, nutmeg grey.

Owners are also notified that their subscription griffins can be measured at the Race Course after 5 p.m. by arrangement with Mr. E. C. Rock, manager of the stables.

"WHITE WINGS."

YACHT CLUB LADIES' RACE.

Eighteen boats competed yesterday in the 8th championship race for ladies in the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club.

With a force 2 wind from E.N.E. the sailing was quite good. The course (6 miles) was from the Club to Lyman Beacon, Channel Rocks, Cust Rock buoy, back to Club line.

Figures given in parenthesis below denote (firstly) position according to corrected time on handicap and (secondly) actual order of finishing.

Handicap Class:—Dorothea (1.3), Colleen (2.2), Diana (3.1), Argulla (4.4), Falcon (5.5), La Linda (6.6).

[La Linda crossed the starting line before the proper time and was recalled, thus losing nearly 3 minutes.]

Combined Class:—Boojum (1.1), Gael (2.4), Ailsa (3.2), Bluenose (4.5), Thecla (5.10), Adele (6.6), Why Wonder? (7.7), Pierrette (8.2), Zephyr (9.9), Joan (10.12), Senark (11.11), Daphne (retired from race, but actually reached the finish 3rd).

[Daphne was also recalled at the start. At Cust Rock buoy she fouled Ailsa. Her racing flag was hauled down and she withdrew from the race.]

INTERPORT SOCCER TRIAL.

The third Interport soccer trial match starts at 4.30 p.m. to-morrow on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley. Teams:—

Colours:—Clark (Police); Wheeler (Kowloon); Caville (Kowloon); Hudson (Police); Sims (Kowloon); Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Athletic); Cornwall (Police); Fung King-cheung (South China); Orr (Kowloon); Suen Kam-shun (Athletic); Ward (Royal Artillery).

Whites:—Lau Hing-cheung (South China); Wynne (Police); Bishop (Hong Kong F.C.); McKelvie (Kowloon); Fitter (R.A.); Wong Shu-wa (Athletic); Brittain (Police); Howard (H.K.F.C.); Gosano (Recreio); McClintchey (Scottish Borders); Brown (Recreio).

Referee: Mr. Baldwin.

FANLING GOLF.

RESULTS IN GOVERNOR'S SHIELD.

The second round of the Governor's Shield competition (inter-hong foursomes) of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club at Fanling has been completed.

Latest results are:—R.A.M.C. (Col. Bolan Smith and Major Lynch) beat Prisons Department (J. W. Franks and Capt. H. P. Bloxham), 5 and 4.

Bank Line (J. R. Collis and Dr. Forbes) beat Union Insurance (E. A. Brodie and J. W. Alabaster), 6 and 4.

H.K. and S. Bank (R. L. Moncrieff and E. D. Black) beat Jardine, Matheson & Co. (W. B. Cornaby and A. Percy), 1 up.

Butterfield and Swire (H. U. Ireland and W. Ironside) beat A.P.C. (T. D. E. Pendered and W. A. Butterfield), 7 and 5.

Shewan, Tomes & Co. (I. W. Shewan and J. Coulthart) beat Dodwell & Co. (R. Melville Smith and L. G. S. Dodwell), 2 and 1.

Johnson, Stokes and Master (D. J. Lewis and L. R. Andrews) beat Vacuum Oil Co. (I. H. Geare and C. G. Stark), 3 and 2.

B.A.T. (F. A. Perry and S. M. Mayes) beat University (M. H. Roffey and C. A. Middleton Smith), 3 and 1.

P.W.D. (A. E. Lissaman and N. K. Littlejohn) beat Holyoak, Massey & Co. (A. K. Mackenzie and C. V. Mark), 2 and 1.

In the third round (to be completed by Jan. 1), B.A.T. (F. A. Perry and S. M. Mayes) beat P.W.D. (A. E. Lissaman and N. K. Littlejohn) by 1 up. The winners enter the semi-final. The final is to be played on Jan. 30.

BOGEY POOL.

The Bogey Pool at Fanling last week-end was won by A. H. Ferguson (2), all square. F. A. Redmond returned a card of 1 down. Thirty-five cards were taken out.

LAWN TENNIS.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB TOURNAMENT.

Now nearing the concluding stage, the Ladies' Recreation Club annual lawn tennis tournament will be completed in the new year.

In the open (ladies) singles championship of the Colony, Miss Robinson (winner) meets Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (holder) in the challenge round.

Other results are:—

Club Championship.

Mrs. James has qualified to meet Mrs. Stark in the final by defeating Mrs. Davenport Brown in the semi-final by 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles Championship.

Third round:—Mrs. James and Mr. Humphreys beat Miss Bourchier and Mr. Graves, 6-2, 6-3; Mr. and Mrs. Forster beat Col. and Mrs. C. Russell Brown.

The two winning pairs meet in the first semi-final. Mr. and Mrs. Railton meet Mr. and Mrs. Stark in the other semi-final.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.

Third round:—Major and Mrs. Stevenson (owe 30) beat Mrs. Russell Brown and Mr. Jacobs-Larkcom (scr.), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4 and will meet Mrs. Rowley and Mr. Baker in the first semi-final. Mrs. Machidan and Mr. Rowley (rec. 15.6) beat Miss Newsholme and Mr. Evans (owe 2.6), 6-4, 6-2 and will meet Mrs. Hickling and Dr. Tottenham (owe 15) in the other semi-final.

Handicap Doubles.

Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Rowley (owe 15.2) meet the winners of Mrs. Stark and Mrs. James (owe 15.3) v. Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Cleland (rec. 15.3) in the final.

Men's Singles.

Dr. R. E. Tottenham and R. M. Henderson meet in the first semi-final. Major W. B. Stevenson and Col. C. Russell Brown meet in the other semi-final.

RUGGER INTERPORT.

It is hoped that Shanghai will send down an Interport nigger team to Hong Kong to play during the China New Year holidays in early February.

Shanghai expressed a wish to play during the Christmas holidays but the notice is too short.

Last season Hong Kong visited Shanghai and were defeated.

DAVIS CUP.

New York, Dec. 20.

Greece has entered for the Davis Cup lawn tennis competition in 1927. This is the first time she is competing. She has elected to play in the European zone.—Reuter.

To-morrow the annual cricket match will be played between the Hong Kong Oxford and Cambridge Societies on the H.K.C.C. ground. Play will begin at 1.45 p.m., following a 15-minute interval, and will be continued until 5.30 when stumps will be drawn. There will be an interval for tea.

MR. GILLIGAN.

REPLIES TO CRITICS AT HOME.

"NOT TO KILL HIS MEN."

When informed that the Home papers were criticising him for not forcing a follow-on at Karachi, Mr.



Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan.

A. E. R. Gilligan (captain of the M.C.C. team in India) said that he knew what he was doing better than the scribes at Home.

He did not want to kill his men at the commencement of the tour, when the players were not acclimatised and were naturally stiff and sore after the voyage, while the heat affected them a lot.

Mr. Gilligan added that the main object of the tour was to teach India how cricket should be played. It was more important than winning matches.

RUGGER SPLIT.

BATH CLUB & THE HOME UNION.

London, Nov. 28.

A remarkable situation has arisen in Somerset rugby circles.

I. J. Pitman, the "International" and Oxford three-quarter, was picked to play for Somerset against Gloucestershire on Nov. 27, but had to decline as he had a business appointment in London.

His own club, Bath, was playing in London, but Mr. Somerset, the Rugby Union Secretary, telegraphed to the secretary of Bath Club that Pitman must on no account play for Bath.

It is understood Bath will appeal to the Rugby Union.

The Sequel.

London, Nov. 30.

Yet another rugby split is imminent owing to the action of the Somerset Rugby Union in not allowing the "International" three-quarter, I. J. Pitman, to play for Bath against Gloucestershire on Saturday, because he was unable to assist Somerset against Gloucestershire.

A hundred members of Bath Club have requested a special meeting to be held for the purpose of passing a resolution to resign from the Somerset Union.

Bath has had a similar break over Considine. The English Union then reversed the Somerset Union's ruling.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club 1st XI against Royal Navy to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground in a Sim-Shield match:—S. H. Garrod; J. Rodger, D. Lyon; A. A. Dand, E. J. R. Mitchell (captain), E. L. Sim; G. E. Slipper, L. M. S. Lloyd, F. G. L. Wheeler, G. R. Vallack, G. P. Lammert.

"SUGGESTIONS."

(Continued from Page 1.)

Saturday, the "Times" deduces that the British Government has taken the initiative in an attempt to reduce all the premises and principles of the Washington Convention to a very simple issue—the practical recognition that modern Chinese nationalism is a fact, and many of its claims are entirely legitimate.

The paper says, "It has really become quite intolerable that we should be blamed vehemently, persistently and exclusively for a state of affairs for which Britain is least of all to blame." It dwells on the hampering attitude of other nations on British policy, owing to the necessity for keeping in line with them, and rejoices that Britain's restraint and seeming passivity have been abandoned. It stresses that British policy is the most liberal hitherto proposed, and goes much the furthest, practically recognizing the legitimate demands of Chinese nationalism.

The paper also considers the most serious fact in China to-day is the permeation of the very active forces of Chinese nationalism by Bolshevik influence.—Reuter.

The New Policy.

Rugby, Dec. 20.

The British Charge d'Affaires in Peking has communicated to the Diplomatic Body a Note setting forth the new policy which the British Government desires to see adopted towards China. A similar communication will also be made to the representatives of the Powers in London. In the meantime the contents remain secret, although it is known that the Note contains a frank and objective examination of Chinese events, from the Washington Conference of 1922 until the present, together with conclusions regarding the immediate and future policy which the British Government regard as a logical sequence.

Commenting on this important development, the "Times" inter alia, understands that the proposals include a suggestion that the Washington surtaxes should be granted immediately, without the paraphernalia of calculations of conditions and contingent hypotheses, with which the proceedings of the recent Tariff Conference were burdened.

"There are two elements in this declaration of policy on the part of the British Government, firstly a certain demonstration of impatience with the delays due to continual divergence of opinion among the Powers jointly responsible for the application of the principles of the Washington Convention. Secondly, the adoption of a clear attitude towards Chinese Nationalist claims."

The "Times" further recalls that the postulates of the Washington Convention were a sovereign China with modern national sentiment, and says the British attitude from the beginning was that the grant of customs surtaxes should not be burdened with restrictions or by any special foreign interests. The necessity of maintaining a united front with the other Powers has unfortunately imposed an ambiguous silence on the British representatives. The "Times" hopes the other Powers will recognise the logic of the situation and of the British proposals.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 21, 1926, 10.00 a.m.

Name.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	British & Foreign Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	No Quotations	111 1/2	111 1/2
T.T. on Shanghai	Owing to Settlement Day.	80 1/2	80 1/2
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank		112 1/2	113 1/2
do. London		113 1/2	113 1/2
Chartered Bank		113 1/2	113 1/2
Mercantile Bank, A. & C.		113 1/2	113 1/2
do.		113 1/2	113 1/2
P. & O. Bank		113 1/2	113 1/2
Bank of East Asia		113 1/2	113 1/2
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance		640 b 650 s	640 b
China Underwriters		130 s	130 b
North China Insurance		140 n	140 s
Union Insurance		290 n	290 s
Yangtze Insurance		40 n	40 s
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance		200 b	200 s
H.K. Fire Insurance		615 b	615 s
Shipping.			
Douglases		28 b 29 s	28 1/2 b
Hongkong Steamboats		26 s	27 s
H.K. Tugs & Lighters		25 1/2 s	25 1/2 s
Indo-China (Pref.)		30 n	30 n
do. (Def.)		40 n	40 n
Shell Transports		900 h	900 n
Star Ferries		57 b & 58 s	57 1/2 n
Water-boats		15 n	15 1/2 b
Refineries.			
China Sugars		23 3/4 b 24 1/4 s	23 3/4 b
Malayan Sugars		35 s	35 n
Mining.			
Banquets			
Kallian Mining Ad.		42 1/2 n	47 1/2 n
Langkats (Combined)		24 b	24 1/2 b
do. (Single)		11 n	11 s
Shanghai Exploration		5 n	5 s
Shanghai Loan		8 n	8 s
Raub		3 1/2 n	3 1/2 n
Tronoh Mines		21 1/2 b	21 1/2 n
Ural Caspians			
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & W. Wharves		111 b	111 n
H.K. & W. Docks		40 b 42 1/2 s	44 s
Hongkew		170 n	170 s
New Engineerings		5 1/2 b 5 3/4 s	5 1/2 n
Shanghai Docks		110 b 112 s	115 s
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels		9 b	9 s
Hongkong Lands		5 1/2 b	5 1/2 s
Hongkong Realty		6 s	6 s
H.K. Territorial		3 s	3 s
Humphreys Estates		14 s	14 s
Prince's Building		7 s	7 s
Rural Lands			
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons		8 1/2 b 9 s	9 s
Oriental		2 50 b	2 50 b
Shanghai Cottons (old)		5 1/2 b	5 1/2 n
do. (new)		28 b	28 n
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice		4 s	4 s
Cements (comb.)		8 n	8 s
do. (old)		2 n	2 s
do. (new)		16 1/4 b 17 1/4 s	17 1/2 n
China Buses		12 1/2 b	12 1/2 n
China Lights (comb.)		9 b	9 n
do. (old)		15 s	15 s
do. (new)		18 1/4 n	18 1/4 sa
China Prov.		5 s	5 s
Dairy Farms		15 1/4 s	16 n
Der A. Wing		1 80 b	2 b
Hongkong Amusements		56 b & 57 s	57 s
H.K. Constructions		10 s	10 n
Hongkong Electric		22 b 22 1/2 sa	22 1/2 n
H.K. Ropes (comb.)		7 s	7 s
do. (old)			
do. (new)			
Hongkong Tramways			
Lane, Crawford			
Macao Electric			
Mackintosh			
Nanyang Tobaccos			
Peak Trams (old)			
do. (new)			
Sinceres			
Singapore Trams			
Taxis			
United Asbestos			
do. (Founders)			
do. (Ordinary)			
Watsons			
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H.K. Telephones			

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6 months sight	111 1/2
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Documentary, 4 months sight	111 1/2
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Credit, 4 months sight	111 1/2
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New York	111 1/2
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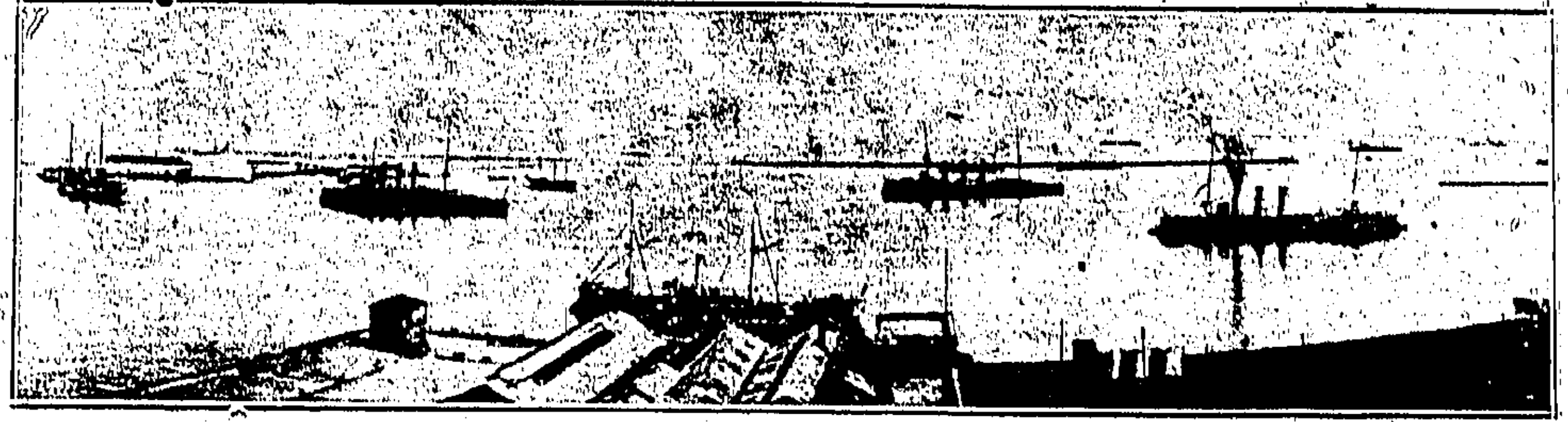
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Therese Benawah, believed to be the oldest living Indian woman in much more than a hundred, but she cannot remember exactly. She is a member of the Cour d'Alene Tribe.



Here is a general view of the harbour at Vera Cruz, Mexico, where a hurricane, moving off the Gulf of Mexico, struck and did great damage.



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Prince Umberto, of Italy, planned a visit to the United States. More than 100,000 Christian girls are held in Turkish harems. Bishop William T. Manning, of New York, declared. Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment was held the only solution of the prohibition problem. Frank L. Smith said in his campaign for Senator from Illinois. Asians settled America centuries ago, Dr. Alex Hrdlicka, Smithsonian Institution anthropologist, declared.



"Peaches" Browning and her mother, Mrs. Frances Heenan, were snapped at a New York hotel, where the girl was living apart from her middle-aged husband, Edward W. Browning.



Students gaped at Queen Marie of Roumania when she visited Columbia University as a guest of President Nicholas Murray Butler, shown on her left.



Queen Marie of Roumania reviewed naval cadets at Annapolis. Admiral L. M. Nulton (right), Prince Nicholas and Princess Ileana accompanied her.



Halleine Smith (13) pleaded for support for Aimee Semple McPherson at the evangelist's Angelus Temple in Los Angeles. The pastor was charged with suspicion of perjury in her disappearance case.

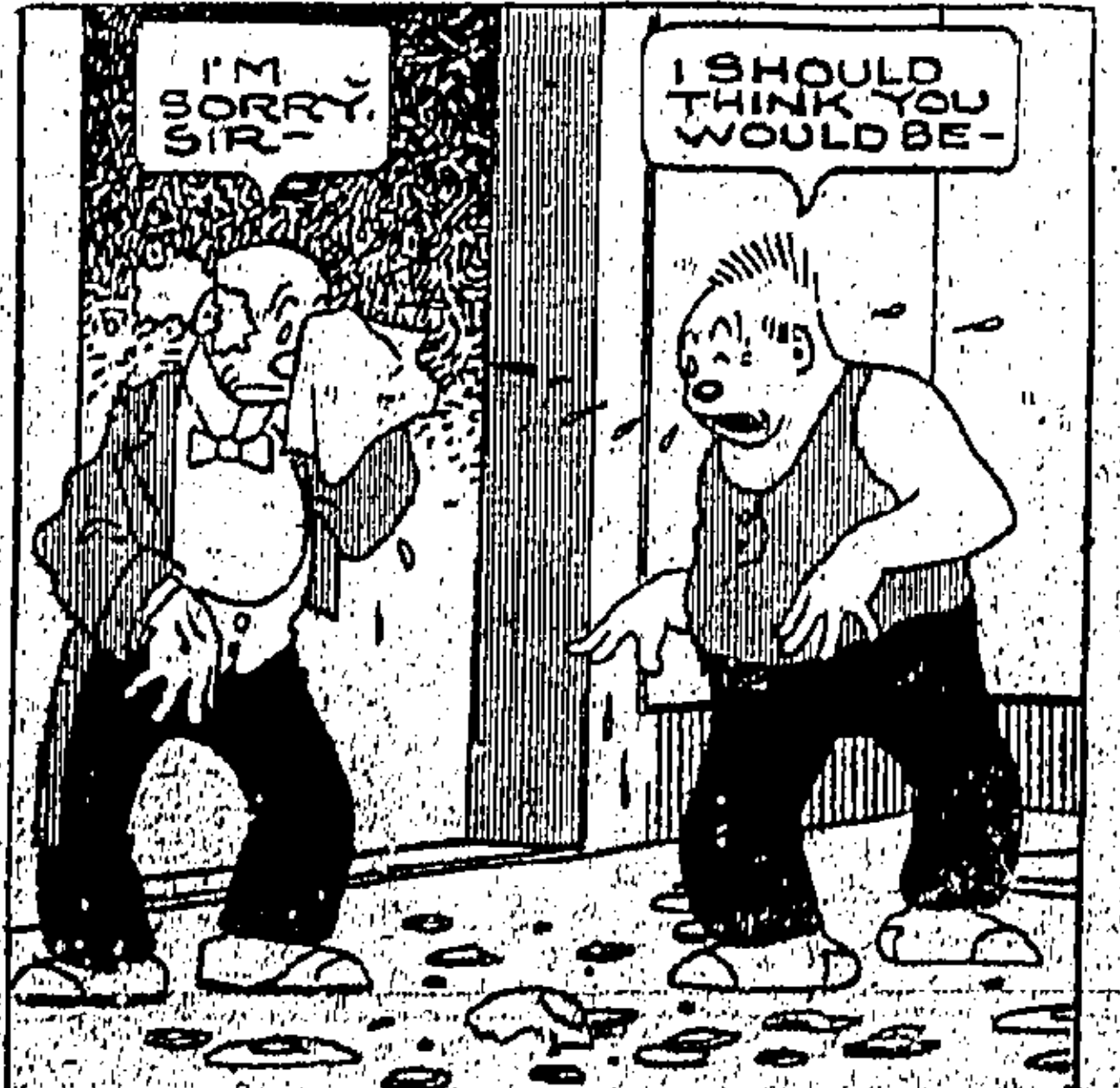
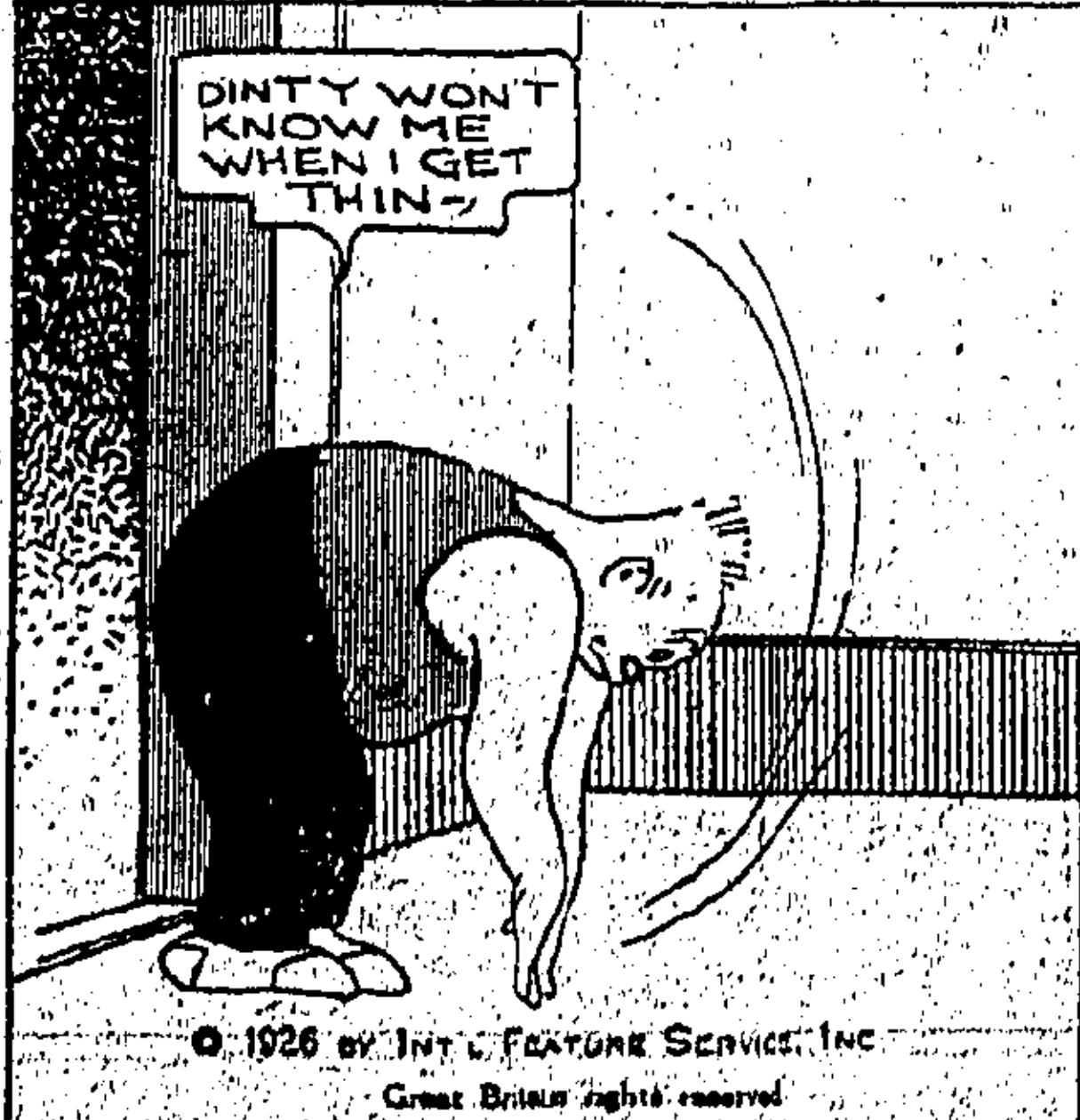
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ANNAM AND KOREA.

LORD CURZON'S
PAPERS.

SOME EXPERIENCES.

One of the most interesting sections of "Lord Curzon's Papers," just published, is the account given of the ancient and modern glories of the Empire of Annam, of which few other Britons have made any serious study either before or since it became a French protectorate. From the description of the tombs of the dynasty, each one a palace in itself, the following detail of a visit to the tomb of Minh Mang may be quoted:—

From the corner of the Memorial Hall, which contains a few fine enameled and bronzes, emerged a shrivelled old dame in a green turban, a black tunic and white pantaloons, who announced herself as one of the former wives of Minh Mang. She had had over half a century of widowhood, and was 70 years of age; nor had she ever left this spot since the death of her husband. It was a novel sensation to tip the widow of an emperor; but I can certify that the gift of a dollar was most gratefully received.

Lord Curzon, who had made a special study of monastic life in many lands, has two papers, here upon the Buddhist monks of China and Korea and the Orthodox communities of Mount Athos. He was not greatly impressed with either type; but it was only at Chang An, in the Diamond Mountains, that he had such an experience as finding that his watch and chain and money had disappeared from beneath his pillow as he slept in the monastery's guesthall, and handing over the matter to the custody of the two Korean officials accompanying his party—a measure which soon led to the restitution of the missing valuables.

"Beer"

His essay on the part played by liquor in travel and exploration is a fine example. Why, he asks, do travellers in their books so rarely speak of that which "is apt to be not merely a source of pleasure but an element in success"? The reason, he suspects, is that "the traveller likes to credit himself with an endurance even more Spartan than is justified by the facts." He notes, however, Byron's tribute to the reviving virtue of beer and soda water in "Don Juan." Roud Amundsen, on the other hand, told Lord Curzon that during his dash to the South Pole he longed incessantly for hot coffee. He observes that "the French, who are admirable travellers, never travel without champagne," and when, in French company, he was roughing it very severely in the wild of Annam and Cambodia, "it was always a compensation to know that the Moet would be forthcoming when the day's labour was over." He recalls that when he was galloping for nine long days from Meshed to Teheran, riding through the heat of the Persian day with no more than a flask in his holster, he would murmur to himself the magic incantation, "Wolff's champagne"; and that was the first thing he asked for and got on riding into Sir Drummond Wolff's, the British Minister's compound. Much harder work was his exploration of the Pamirs in 1894, and when he re-entered India to join with Sir Frank Younghusband at Chitral, he had the following memorable experience:—

As I rode down the grassy slopes I saw coming towards me in the distance the figure of a solitary horseman. It was Younghusband's native servant. At that moment I would have given a kingdom, not for champagne or beer and soda, or hot coffee, but for a glass of beer! He approached and salaamed. I uttered but one word, "Beer." Without a moment's hesitation he put his hand in the fold of his tunic and drew therefrom a bottle of Bass. Happy forethought! O Prince of hosts! Most glorious moment! Even now, at this distance of time it shines like a ruddy beacon in the retrospect of 30 years gone by.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR DEC., 1926.

(Standard Time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
December 21	6.55	5.44
" 22	6.59	5.44
" 23	6.59	5.45
" 24	7.00	5.45
" 25	7.00	5.46
" 26	7.00	5.46
" 27	7.01	5.47
" 28	7.01	5.47
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THE PREVENTION OF
ACCIDENTS.

PROGRESS OF CAMPAIGN.

The introduction of reforms by State action though in theory the process has an unequalled driving force behind it, labours under inevitable and obvious disadvantages. In particular, the rate at which the reforms can be introduced is usually slower than could be obtained by an initiative from within, instead of from without, the activities to be regulated. When, therefore, the United States came to realise the order of magnitude of its annual loss through preventable accidents, the citizens who were interested do not seem to have addressed themselves to politicians or legislators. While doubtless not alighting such help as they could get from these or any other quarters, they set themselves to promote a movement which they styled "Safety First," in much the same way as revivalists attack the conscience they wish to awaken.

As is known, the movement developed with rapidity. It was started undoubtedly from humanitarian considerations; but by the time it had been at work for a few years, workmen's compensation laws had been enacted in most States, with accident indemnity companies established to guarantee their payment, the safety movement was also found to have vast economical possibilities. At that time industrial accidents were still producing in the United States some 2,500,000 casualties a year—more than the combined losses of the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War—and were costing over 100,000,000. Yet, in the previous eight years, the United States Steel Corporation had accumulated experience which showed in principle the sort of economic reward which was to be expected from preventing accidents. In that time the Corporation had spent about 1,000,000 on installing safety devices, and adopting measures for preventing accidents. As a result, the accident rate had been reduced by about 40 per cent. in the last five years of that period, and, during the last three years, the saving in the cost of casualties had exceeded what was spent on safety by over 35 per cent, though the compensation for injury had been materially increased. In non-industrial life a notorious source of accidents was motor-driven traffic, which, in 1915, showed a fatality per 1,000 vehicles licensed, about the same as the present figure for this country, but this, by 1924, had fallen to less than half. Data do not seem to be available to show our own comparable figures until 1921, when the motor fatality rate was not very different from its present figure. The total number of accidents per 1,000 motor vehicles increased, however, between 1921 and 1925 from about 4.5 to nearly 6, and the total number of all street accidents nearly doubled. Probably some part of this difference is due to more complete notification, for, on reference to similar particulars of the principal industries between 1921 and 1925, large increases are shown without exception in the casualty ratio, though the fatality ratio has either shown a decrease, as in railway working and in engine and ship building, or a very much smaller increase than that of the casualty ratio. No doubt, however, seems possible, that, on the whole, the United States in the last ten years has made far greater progress in preventing accidents than the United Kingdom.

It is difficult to find any cause for the difference, except the much greater attention that individual firms in the United States have given to the matter under the influence of the "safety first" campaign. "Engineering."

WILL IT COME?

THE RESURRECTION OF
RUSSIA.

It cannot come too soon for Russia. The world has been treated to several years of hideous nightmare in the shape of a Soviet regime. Let us hope the words of Count Tolstoy come true. "The Russian peasant will rise and overthrow Bolshevism rule in Russia," declared Count Ilya Tolstoy, son of the late Count Leo Tolstoy, in an interview at Los Angeles, states the "Evening Standard." Count Tolstoy and his wife are now in Southern California to supervise the film production of "Resurrection," his father's famous novel. "Bolshevism rule to-day is minority rule," said Count Tolstoy. "As a natural sequence in the development of Russia the peasants will overthrow the Soviet. To-day the peasants are not conscious of their strength. When they do realise their power they will revolt; and there will be a real Russian republic," he declared.

BAD TIMES.

DEMONSTRATIONS, ROBBERY &
KIDNAPPING.

HUNAN'S TROUBLES.

Changteh, Nov. 12.—Reports have it that the Northern troops of Yang Sen were here sometime ago. True that beyond Li-cheo and Tain-shih there was fighting, and this side had to retreat some, yet there was nothing very great and now Yang Sen has cast his lot in with the South this will make a very decided victory for the Kuomintang.

Business in the city and district since the South came in has not been good at all and the streets are marked by having many a shop closed, and those that are still open claim that their trade has fallen to less than half of what it was this time last year. I do not say that this is altogether the blame of the new force, in charge but I do think a good deal. The whole country is full of robbers, and tradesmen are afraid to attempt to carry goods. Just last week a man, that is doing a small business throughout the country and was coming to the city to get more goods, was relieved of all the money that he had but two paper notes that he had in an inside pocket. Business with the people up river is at a greater standstill as the road is almost impassable. Months will pass without being able to get a convoy of soldiers and without them it is almost sure to lose all that one has and then, even with them, it is not sure of getting through without loss.

All Units on Parades. Marching streets seems to be the order of the day as every few days they have a big parade, to-day is a very big day, as it is Dr. Sun Yat-sen's birthday, and although some are marching the street in his honour, others will be cursing the day he was born. Students and labour men are one these days; but how long it will last is going to be the big question.

Every thing here is very peaceful for us as no one troubles and I have not heard any shouting against the Halls, but one cannot but fear that something is getting ready as they here, too, have formed a guild for those who work for the hated foreigners; glad to say that all have not joined; but how long they will be able to hold out against the rest is the question that causes us to think. I heard that one of their demands was they be pensioned for life after six years of service and that their children be educated for them. I hope that if this really is one of their demands that it will be all.

Kidnapping Prevalent. The taking people for ransom is a very common thing, and the strange thing is that they carry them right into the city here. Only this week they caught three in the trade, they had with them a woman and a boy. One thing that has appeared worse to me than anything is, the treatment that the soldiers get that take sick. Many times they are left behind without any money or any one to look after them and after they die they are left for days and not buried. One, when he sees this, wonders why others want to join the army. "C. C. Post."

A PERILOUS RIDE.

When the Adelaide express steamed out of Ballarat the other day, a male passenger was seen clinging to a door handle, with his feet on the running board. He had delayed boarding the train when the warning whistle had been given, and the train moved off without him. He dashed for the doorway, but the door was closed.

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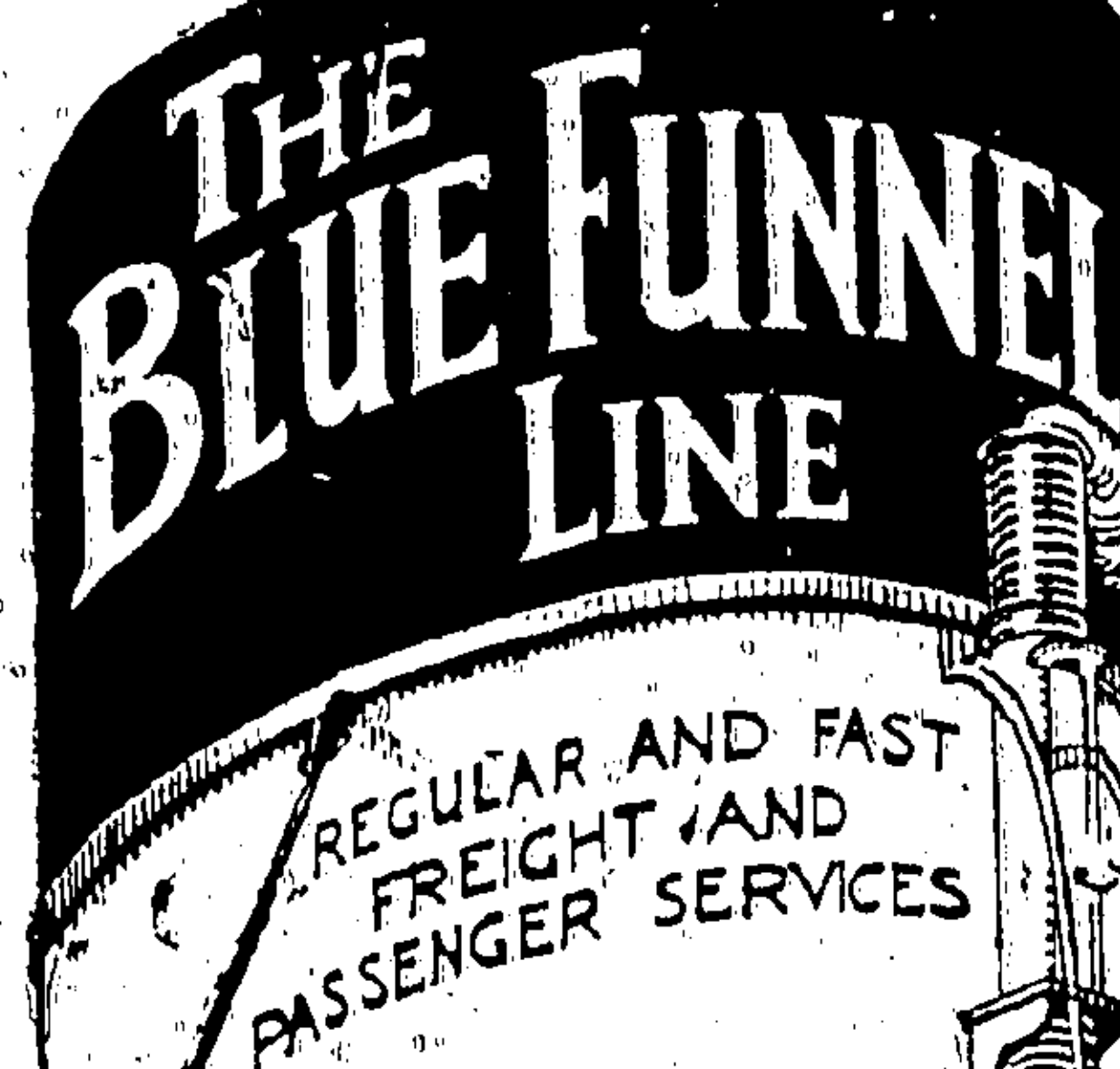
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PRICELESS VOLUMES.

Interesting University Decision.

CHINA'S HISTORY.

How Hong Kong May Help in Publication.

It is understood that a decision which will make available for the use of students of Chinese affairs a new edition of a set of priceless volumes dealing with the history of China and containing articles on Chinese institutions written by eminent men who devoted their lives to pioneer work in China, was reached yesterday by the Court of the University of Hong Kong.

The volumes (twenty in all) are the bound copies of the "Chinese Repository," a periodical which was edited in the early nineteenth century by the Rev. Wells Williams, one of the early missionaries to China (he was later appointed U.S. Minister to China).

This periodical first made its appearance in Macao at a time when the Rev. Wells Williams, Dr. Morrison and other scholars men worked from there in their missionary endeavour and studies. It contains the results of research and observations in the gathering of which information they spent the greater part of their days. The "Chinese Repository" was later published in Canton.

No More Copies? The priceless sets of such few complete sets of original copies as now exist may be gauged from the fact that although the name sometimes appears in the lists of noted London sellers, never within recollection has a complete set been offered for sale. Sir Stuart Lockhart, first Registrar General in Hong Kong and subsequently Colonial Secretary and Commissioner at Weihaiwei, so interested himself in this work that he wrote to a friend requesting him to endeavour to get the "Chinese Repository" which were missing from a collection he had made. In spite of an exhaustive search at the homes of old residents and other likely places in Macao and Hong Kong the friend in question was unable to secure any of the missing parts.

The set which is the subject of the University's decision is that which was comprised in Morrison Library formerly at the City Hall but removed to the care of the University of Hong Kong on its foundation. Governor's Interest. It is understood that H.E. the Governor (Chancellor of the University) has interested himself in the proposal to print copies of this set in order that the mine of information it contains may be available for more general use. The priceless sets of the original militates against its use by those who would gladly avail themselves of the opportunity of acquiring themselves with its contents.

The cost of reprinting will, naturally, be very high and, to guarantee the University against loss, it is understood that the public will be asked to co-operate either by purchase of copies or by public subscription. If and when such appeal is launched (it will take some considerable time for the printing to be completed) the promoters are confident that the public will make a ready response.

FATAL FRACAS.

MAN KILLED BY POINT OF FLAGSTAFF.

LATEST LABOUR BLOT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
 Pakkat, Kongsmoon, Dec. 17. A riot broke out at Kongsmoon city between members of the fire-crackers and joss-stick guilds, the rival unions having been at loggerheads for a few days. In the fracas one man was killed through being struck with the head of a flagstaff, converted into an iron spear. Two others were seriously injured.

THE RED HAT.

TWO NEW CARDINALS CREATED.

THE POPE ON MEXICO.

Rome, Dec. 20. The Pope at a secret consistory has created two new cardinals. Messengers Gamba and Launi, archbishops of Turin and Ephesus, respectively, and increased the number of bishops.

The Pope, in an address, strongly denounced the persecution of Catholics and the Church in Mexico where he declared the Government was incinerating and even killing pious ecclesiastics and slaughtering the unarmed faithful while they were praying in the sanctuary of the Madonna.

The Pope, after rejoicing at Signor Mussolini's recent escape, deplored the consequent attacks on Catholics in Italy and rejoiced that the Government had issued severe orders against violence.—Reuter.

\$3,000,000 CRUISERS.

TEN MORE FOR UNITED STATES?

PERMITTED BY THE TREATY.

Washington, Dec. 20. A Bill has been introduced by Mr. Butler, Chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee for the construction of ten cruisers at a cost of \$3,000,000 each.

The Bill has been favourably reported to the House of Representatives. Mr. Butler, introducing the measure, described it as in line with President Coolidge's national defence programme.

He declared that Britain, Japan and other countries were constructing large numbers and light cruisers of 10,000 tons or under which were permissible under the Washington treaty.—Reuter's American Service.

DEATH AT SEA.

FAMOUS BRITISH RESEARCH WORKER.

THE STUDY OF CANCER.

Rugby, Dec. 20. Dr. Hugh Campbell Ross, the well-known research worker, has died from pneumonia, while on his way home to England, and was buried at sea off Aden.

He was at one time medical officer of health in Cairo, and under Lord Cromer's administration, started a campaign for the extermination of the mosquito.

For the last eighteen years, he had concentrated upon cancer, and since 1910 had been director of the McFadden Research Foundation.

In the course of his investigations he visited the Pitcairn Islands, where cancer is rare, in order to examine the methods of life prevailing there.—British Wireless Service.

UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.

HUDSON RIVER LAUNCH CAPSIZES.

FOURTEEN DROWNED.

New York, Dec. 20. The bitter weather with which New York has been contending during the past fortnight, caused an unusual accident on the Hudson River when a large launch carrying workmen was capsized by ice floes, ejecting hundreds of passengers into the icy water.

All available craft were rushed to the rescue, but 14 of the passengers are already known to be dead.—Reuter's American Service.

SERIOUS CHARGES.

ALIEN PROPERTY FUNDS QUERIES.

New York, Dec. 20. The "World" features a special despatch from Washington to the effect that the Comptroller General has reported to President Coolidge that alien property funds have been illegally drawn from the Treasury and the administration expenses are excessive, running to \$5,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

RUSSIA'S ANXIETY.

LITHUANIAN REVOLUTION VIEWS.

POLAND AND SOVIET.

London, Dec. 19.

Accusations, denials and counter-accusations propagated by the various Baltic States evidence the concern with which the Lithuanian coup d'etat is watched abroad, especially in Russia and Poland.

The latter country is credited with feeling anxiety on account of the recent ratification of the Russo-Lithuanian Guarantee Pact, which, inter alia, virtually recognised Lithuania's right to Vilna, which Poland has held with international sanction since Zeligowski's coup in 1920.

Reports from Warsaw to the effect that Lithuania is contemplating an attack on Vilna has evoked a denial by the Lithuanian Minister in London, emphasising the purely domestic nature of the coup d'etat.

The "Isvestia," at Moscow, however, asserts that the developments are inspired by outside influences, particularly "the imperialistic elements of Poland," and says that the Soviets will not interfere in internal affairs but cannot remain a disinterested spectator of plans to abolish Lithuanian independence.

A message from Riga, says that military leaders at Kovno have induced the President formally to dismiss the old Ministry and sanction the formation of a new Cabinet under Professor Valdemaras. The latter has issued a statement that the revolt is due to a fear that the Government, which was too friendly towards the Bolsheviks, was steering the country to a catastrophe.—Reuter.

Rising Fomented.

Riga, Dec. 19. That they were preparing for a Communist rising in January supported by foreign gold, is among the charges against the late Government featured in the Lithuanian press, congratulating the Army for "carrying out the wishes of the people," and forestalling the intended revolution.

The newly appointed Commandant at Kovno has prohibited public meetings, strikes and profiteering. Dr. Grinius has resigned the Presidency.

Later. A message from Kovno says that Gen. Smolton has been elected President of the Republic. Parliament has assembled and the town is besieged.—Reuter.

EMPIRE AIRWAYS.

Rugby, Dec. 20. The second of the Empire air liners for the Cairo-Basra route left Crocydon at 8 o'clock this morning. It arrived at Paris at 9.40 and one hour later it left for Dijon.

The first machine, which flew on Saturday from Crocydon to Lyons, where owing to falling light it remained for the night, continued its journey to Marseilles yesterday, and is proceeding to Nice to-day.—British Wireless Service.

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